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JAY R. BENTON'S

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A GARDEN
VICTORY



REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE
IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
PASSED MAY 1, 1890, RELATIVE TO THE LANDS BELONGING TO THE
UNITED STATES IN THE TERRITORY OF ARIZONA

AS YE SOW, SO SHALL YE REAP



For the first time in 41 years the residents of this North Country are not planning on going to the Lancaster Fair, of late years a Labor Day certainty. That is not due to any lack of interest in the institution which is stronger financially than ever and also more established in the good will of the public than ever before. But war is war and war means that we must get along without many things and the OPA listed the fair as one thing we must omit from the calendar. They didn't put it that way but they put a ban on gasoline for "pleasure driving" and have kept it there so long that there was nothing for the directors to do but cancel this year's show. Petroleum Czar Ickes, who has a wide influence, hasn't cared a hang as to what happened to some of the established institutions or he might have made a special ruling to cover attendance at agricultural fairs without the ruling harming the war effort in

the least. But he hasn't done it, merely said one thing one day to contradict it the next. As a mere patron of the fair it is permissible to say the society should have gone ahead as usual. If one has the responsibility of making the fair a success under the conditions existing today the decision is not such a simple matter. Probably the directors were right in saying "no fair this year." If they are subject to any criticism at all, and that is doubtful, it is that they failed to get a direct ruling as to the use of gasoline to exhibit at the fair and to attend the fair. The O. R. A., whatever that is, gave such a right to the fairs in Maryland.

Mountain Musing

BY JACK COLBY

THE LABOR DAY WEEK END is moving into view and for the first time in more than two score years there will be no Lancaster Fair to absorb the attention and the shekels of the North Country's populace. Had the directors been able to foresee this week's lifting of the gas ban, the fair certainly would have been held and probably been attended by record throngs of pleasure-hungry citizenry. However, Lancaster will not be forgotten this week end with Wendell Willkie around and undoubtedly being seen by many as he comes and goes!

HERE and THERE

BY

ARTHUR S. MORRIS

It is said that so far as transportation is concerned, the Labor Day week end is second only to Christmas. No doubt here in the White Mountains the September holiday would run at the top with some to spare. Certainly in past years trains, busses and highways have been packed, and hotels, cabins and private homes have done a rushing tourist business. This season many automobiles will be missing, but somehow people get here to enjoy the beauties of this region. There is no question but what they will come in great numbers over this week end. One big event will be missing this year for the Lancaster fair has been cancelled. That always attracted thousands of folks to enjoy the displays, baseball, horse racing, the midway, band concerts and fireworks.

Sicily
1 Sept 1943

Dear Mary & Jim

It was really swell
to have heard from you. Long
time no write.

You were wondering
when I was. Well, my dear, on
the morn of 10 July 1943 I
was one of the thousand
that landed on this god
forsaken isle. The 3rd Div as
the spearhead, 20 per. Quite
an experience, but I'd just as
soon not make another. Was the
first Artilleryman in Messina.
Went in with the Assault Company
of 7th Inf. We were first in.

I've seen a lot and learned
a lot, in this deal here. I'm
lucky to be here - on several

Counts, but a miss is as good as a mile, especially in this type of "game".

The day after the fall of Sicily I went to the hospital with 104 fever. Proud to be Malaina. Just got out last Sunday. Anyway I surely caught up on the long lost sleep and had a cute blond nurse.

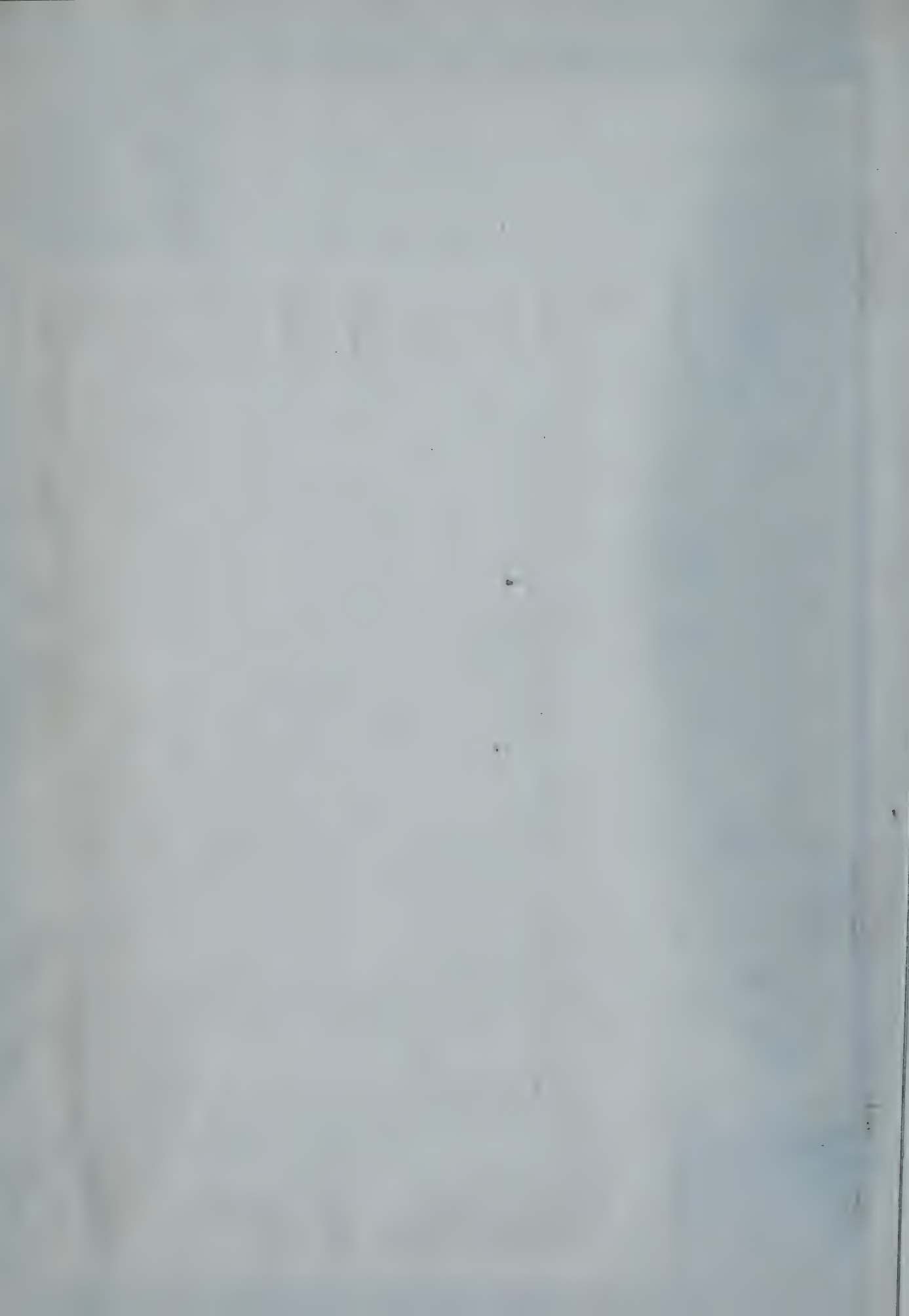
Had a letter from your Mother and one from Aunt Louise. Enjoyed both as they were quite newsworthy. Also the news (to me) about the "Crutch". Hope he will soon be back for duty and get the ball rolling again. I'd sure like to see the old boy over again and soon!

Tell Little Joe hello
for me when you see him
again.

Things are going along
okay now. We're resting in
the shade of olive trees and
carrying out, in Port's, a
training schedule. I'm in
again for my 1st. Hop &
have it by the time you
get this.

Well, Mary gives that
about all for this time. My
best to you and the Moore.
Write me again soon

Billy Whiskey



Wed. P. M.
Sept. 14th 1943

Dear Mom + Dad

Lots of "goodies" from Steve have arrived and have been consumed very rapidly by the boys of "Flight 4" - Sq. P-51 - much enjoyed by one and all. I have a lot.

Joanne and I made just a year ago today - at a cocktail party in Jack Martin's room in Eliot house. Funny, but we hardly noticed each other at the time but "oh look at us now!"

See it all seems so remote and far away now - and how all our situations have changed. Joanne and I engaged, but 3000 miles apart.

- Jack at Primary flying school in Ala. - Gen. Tammery about to ship overseas - Gen. Brett in Nashville - Bob Montgomery in Texas -

and poor old Dad a fat 4 F in
Portland.

My picture was taken today in the
Radio building - along with a bunch of
WAC's & a few of my students - by
a press photo. I presume it's for the
camp pages and of course I'll send
you a copy of, and when it comes
out.

Nothing else much new to report. A
100% average in Physics to date
is about my only source of elation
at the moment.

No idea of where I'm going next or
when I may leave S. A. It may
even be to navigation school at
Carlsbad, New Mexico. Everything, as
always, depends upon the Army's
needs at the moment and their
ever changing policies.

Must write a super special letter in
letter to my fiancé - so for now -
lots of love,
Dad

1943 September first

Dear Mother & Daddy,

What a lovely, lovely surprise
to get the night message! Because I
am so tired of a lot of it
every day. The children. This Sunday
was a week out of it, too. It is the
Purton boy + is a very handsome.

Well, life has returned to normal
once again. The day could have
been very nice, and we keep busy
by day making goodies for them.

I had quite a visit with the
girls. They are just like you now.
I closed the apartment at night
Friday night + let it stand in the

...at 2 lbs. of dichloride. ...
...I took out all the rings, clothes,
...to him.
...the mattress and the window
+ washed the floors. What a workout
I gave the place! I have found out
that fleas are a common nuisance
... I have been told ...
...from ...
...the same down
... I have been told ...
...are the best.

I must say Daddy did very well
on the ... Not in error
as is ...

Had a letter from ...
... has been made a
... - itty ...

just seen the best camouflage in
his career. "Bulldozer - see a bulldozer
anywhere. They were 'Maggie's little
children'. When one of the boys
told him they he couldn't see
any vehicles.

We were out for a while. What
birthdays are Jane's birthdays are? I
want to send them a card at the
proper time.

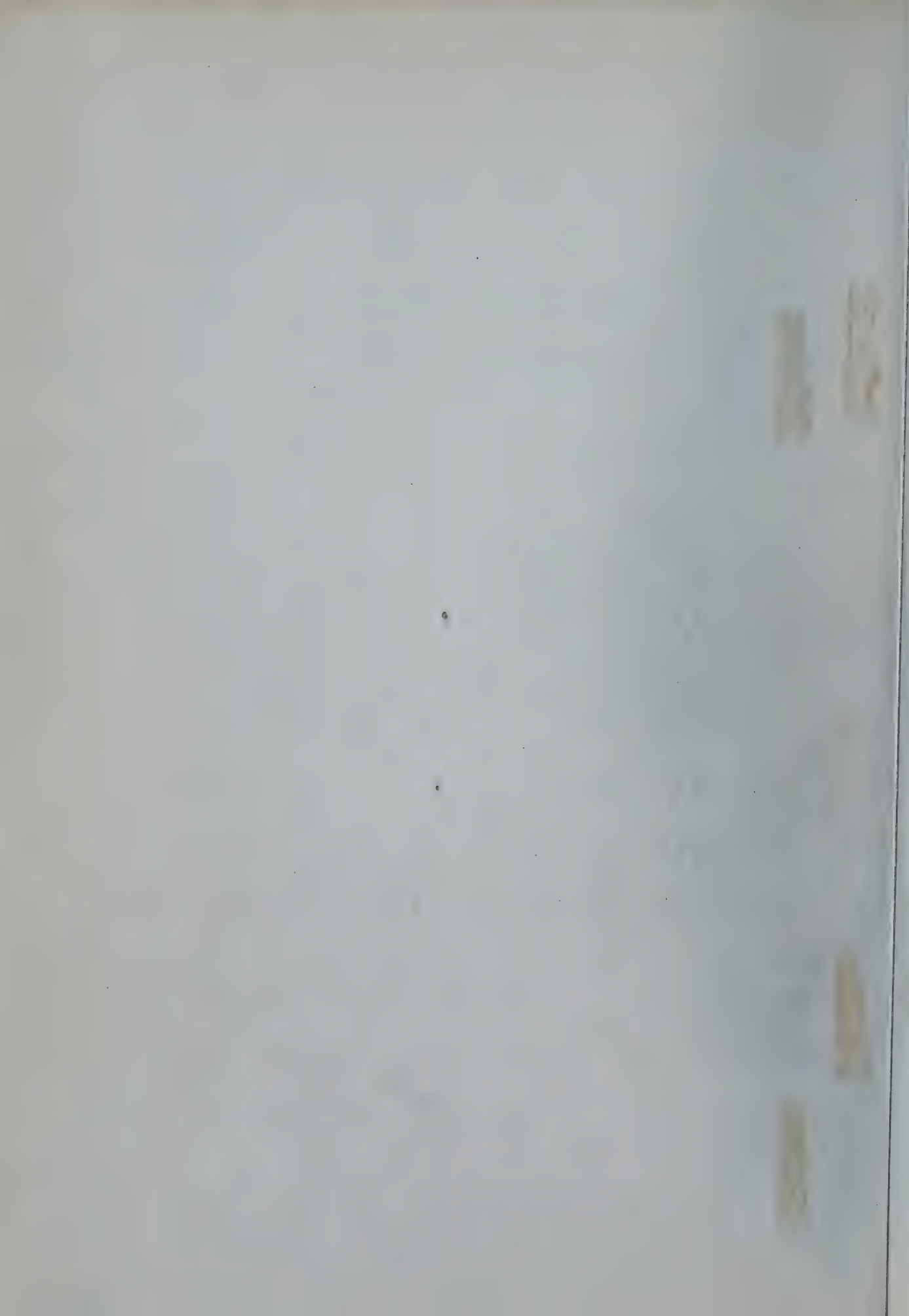
I have quite a few more of them
I don't need. Would you like me
to mail them air to Belmont
for next month? They might come in
 handy - especially the soups.

We are both just fine (excepting
the bites) and are still enjoying
California although we'd both
rather be in Vermont. Give Seals

his visit to some old river beds valley
about 1840. His certainly
are undoubtedly correct the
middle of the river bed
is old.

W. H. ... near
the ...

W. H. ...
1840



Wednesday morning, September 1st, 1943

The leaves are beginning to turn up here as you will see by the sample enclosed...picked by me on the road to St Johnsbury...it does not seem possible that a week from today I will be back at my desk....this summer has been showery there having rain on nearly every day....last Wed. aft.. we rode down to Whitefield with Gladys she having another visit with the dentist...afterwards we went to the top of Kimball's Mill where there was a magnificent view...back by the back road around Prospect Mountain...that evening a picnic in Karl's garden...Fri..first cold morning....42 degrees..last at someone swiped the clothes reel out of the back yard but we got it back....rode over to St.. J.. in the p.m. with Mac Hayes. eight mackerel for dinner....picked a bunch of black eyed susans...Sat...the Lancaster carpenter came this morning and the new added a shingles on the roof of the southwest piazza...also some new roofing and a pane of glass.....and three pieces of fir flooring on the main porch...lamb chops for dinner...pm up to Groveton with Al....later cleaned out the hundreds of old magazines from the suffrage room and the upper back hall and carted them over to the "Quilchall" and sorted stored them upstairs over Mr. Boyce's old office.....Sun.... 30 1/2 degreesover to Church at 9.30..followed by the Dedication of the Service Flag on the Common..I was invited to give the speech..you will read about it in the Coos County Democrat...later quite a crowd gathered on the porch....a snack lunch. green turtle soup with sherry....limburger cheese with crackers....left feverishly all afternoon for the big party to start...finally 8.30 The MAYPOLE arrived at the cottage...with Steve dressed up the driver...everybody in costume...rode around the Common several times and then down the street to Karl's..when we got there Karl pulled out of the barn with a horrific white death mask on and dressed in a long white night gown and comely feet...he was immediately named "THE SHORT OF FINE THING BEAUTY"---there was a glorious picnic dinner in the garden ..with sirloin steaks grilled in the outdoor fireplace...the table was so heavily laden with every



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ROAST CHICKEN TODAY!

and of good old Vermont food that it fairly groaned...there was
minstrel and horseshoes....a sort of charades where all had to
personate one of the party with prizes...hilarious...also the
dedication of the Rose Arch with "Janey at this point will blow
short blast on the trumpet" These present were Frances, Jay, and
Nicholas; Earl, Mae, and Jane; John, Winifred, and Marion Dodge; Earl
and Glenn Stevens; Vera Westworth... Home at 9.30...in the still
dark of the night the first mouse of summer appeared....no shopping
trip to Lancaster today.. John Dodge came around and cleaned
the drains in the kitchen sink and the upstairs bath room wash-
tub....great excitement at one o'clock...the mill whistle started
blowing furiously...rushed off by Steve and there we could see
waves ten feet in the air at the south end of the mill...got my
movie camera and hot-footed it over...they have good fire pro-
tection and two large streams of water had it under control in a
half hour...but it certainly looked bad for a while....for dinner
large LAMB TROT...that Carlos Dodge caught at Maidstone Lake
today...fried potatoes...sliced cucumbers...succotash toast...
burger cheese and crackers...blueberries...your mother is
working hard...for exercise walked around the common six
times...played hearts on the porch...Tues...caught the mouse
the trap I bought at Chesley's...caught in Kathleen's room.
is this for a country breakfast? orange juice...corn flakes...
boiled LAMB TROT...sausages...fried potato...buttered toast...
coffee....at 10.45 to Lancaster shopping in Gladys car..got
wedding present for the daughter of the Arthur Hendersons....
buying an Ensign at All Saints Church in Belmont Sunday.....
dinner...ROAST CHICKEN...riced potato..gravy....string beans
used this morning out of Mae's garden...creamed onions....tomato
and cucumber salad...blueberries....fished for awhile but the
sun too bright....by the river bank....cleared out...of the book
the chauffeur's room and put them in bookcases....all this bri-
dles us to this morning...when ordinarily we would all be busy
on the Qui Vive for the Lancaster Fair but today the grounds
are deserted as Fenway Park in January...I was up early and
going round and after breakfast walked down to Earl's to use
my typewriter..you know it is quite a job to keep a contin-
uous flow of correspondence going to four children...about to walk
back to the cottage and if I have time will try to correct
the typographical errors in all the foregoing...as at ANASTASIA
...I am no great shakes not only being out of practice but using
the peek, search, and punch method...if Gladys comes with car
take us to Lancaster....you will pardon the non corrections..
and do your best to decipher it all..

Haying lingers like a bad
dream and from indications
last until snow flies.
Bean picking is still in pro-
gress, but is on its last legs.

Unusual wet weather has pre-
vailed here during the past few
weeks.

Wednesday, September 1st 1943

✓ Up early and out on the porch at 6.
Over to Steve's for the mail at 7. on the
porch and doing the correspondence
to 8. Then Breakfast - Orange juice -
Grape Nut flakes - Chicken in Gravy
on Toast. Hot Coffee. Nicholas went
down to Judge Morris' for another
tutoring lesson in Latin with Mrs. Kent.
Sent Peter a Box of Molasses Cookies -
Walked down to Karl's and on the typewriter -
wrote 5 carbon copies of letter
to send to John, Mary, David & Peter.
Excited report of a Bald-headed Eagle
circling over the Meadow - Porch. The
mail & papers. Dinner - Pot Roast.
Mashed Potato & Gravy - Shell Beans.
Fried Green Tomatoes. Romaine Salad.
Sliced Peaches & Cream. hamburger
Cheese and crackers. Rested for a
while - at 3.30 over to Gladys' and
with her to Lancaster. Got the pictures
at Shoney's & Fruit Store. Bartlett's
& Limes. Chesley's for Face Tissues and
Face Cloths - Winco's & Smith's for
football Magazine - Back to the College

Supper at 7:30 - Pot Roast. Potato Salad -
Toast. Corn on the Cob. Bartlett Pear
Nicholas and the gang went to
Hawthorne to the movies - Drove with
Gladys - Back on the Bus - Took early
No one went over for the evening mail
it gets in so late.



"MIDDLESEX HOUSE"
THREE PEQUOSSETTE ROAD
BELMONT, MASSACHUSETTS

Thursday
SEPT. 2, 1943

Dear Mr & Mrs Benton

Hope you are very well
and having a nice vacation how
is Dick remember me to Him.
Sorry for not writing more after
I am so busy working I have
not the time. we are all well
will be looking forward to
seeing you all next week
thanks for the vegetable. we
have not seen Butter here
in two weeks only what I make.
I had a letter from Peter and
one from Mary I sent Peter

cookies and a little fudge i
hope we got them abright
we'll have a good time while
you are there how is orange
there it almost impossible to
get them here.
Jane sends her best regards.

Sincerely yours
Kathleen

September 2, 1943

Dear Mr. Benton:

I am sorry I have been so long in telling you how delighted we all were with our cards from Guildhall. We certainly were glad to hear you were having a good vacation.

We have been busy, even with so many away, but books have to be closed, and with the prospects of an early Directors' meeting this month, we have had to "step on it".

Grayce McManus left us two weeks ago, and so we have been a little short-handed too.

Vacations are all over now in my department, with the exception of Beatrice Cook who goes this Saturday for her last week. Those of us who had early vacations are now envying those who have any to look forward to.

Best wishes for good weather and a good time for the balance of your stay in Guildhall.

Sincerely,

Gertrude M. Swan

Arlington, Vt.
Sept. 2, 1943

Mr. J.R. Benton
Guildhall, Vermont

Dear Mr. Benton:

I am indeed very grateful to you for sending me a copy of your father's address and if you would let me know how much it is I will be glad to send the amount to you. I am enclosing with letter enough stamps to cover the postage you used in sending me the copy.

Again thanking you for your kindness,
I am,

GAR:rw

Very truly yours,

H. A. Russell Mill



THE SATURDAY EVENING POST

BLANKLEY

"I'll run along now, or you folks will
think I'm a regular old gossip."

A NOCTURNAL VISITOR
FROM NORTHUMBERLAND.

A black and white Holstein cow strayed into my garden two weeks ago, have her in barn. Owner may have by paying for Adv. and proving ear tag. Ernest Cass, R. F. D. 2, Lancaster, N. H. (1tp)

Thursday, September 2nd 1942

Heavy rains started about 2 A.M. and thunderstorms riding over the mountains - but none close. Up fairly early and at 7 AM to stores for the mail. Mailed a box of Lowney's Candy to Peter. - The work. Breakfast. Orange juice - Shredded Wheat. Corn beef hash with whole egg - Toast - Hot Coffee. The Corned Beef - Gladys came early today at 9.30 and to to Lousiana & coffee. At 1.15 for to Gladys for a Chicken Pie Dinner. Frances, Jaya Nicholas, Karl, Mae, and Jane, Marion Hodge, Gladys & Joanne - Chicken Pie, Biscuits, Macaroni, Potato, Baked Squash, creamed Onions, Shell Beans, Potato Salad, Quigley Bread and whipped cream but not for me.

Poured this afternoon. Back to the Cottage at 3.30. Smoked. After supper I did some more house cleaning - the two pantries. For supper, scotch brood soup & sausage, Tomato Salad, grapefruit.



"MIDDLESEX HOUSE"
THREE PEQUOSSETTE ROAD
BELMONT, MASSACHUSETTS

Friday.

Sept. 3rd 1943

Dear Mother and Dad-

Many, many thanks
for your wonderful, newsy letters.
You certainly are having a grand
time for yourselves.

Because T.C. Baker couldn't
work on the car for days and because
they usually do a rotten job any-
way I took the bus to the Harvard
Square garage where the oil was
changed, valves ground, carbon removed
and everything checked and tightened
up. But, this morning Ed. Baker
called, wanted to know where in
Hell the car was and said that you
wanted the dents hammered out.
A two week's job he says. Well,
I know of a place in Waltham where

it can be done in two days. For that
reason I'll wait until you get home
and if you want the job done I
can bring the car out there on a
Friday afternoon and pick it up
on Monday. I've been using the wagon
a bit going on errands, taking the
kids around, in town once or twice, etc.
It's running fine but could do with
a bath right now. I'll have to go to
work on it Monday so it will be
looking alright when I meet you
Tuesday night at 10:45.

Well fellas enjoy your last
few days up there. I know you will
hate to leave, but it will be good
to see you again. Although it's a bit
raw here I'll be going to Swamp-
scott again this weekend. My very
best to the Smithhall gang - and
my love to you -

John



"MIDDLESEX HOUSE"
THREE PEQUOSSETTE ROAD
BELMONT, MASSACHUSETTS

Friday
SEPT. 3 - 1943

Dear Nicholas

Here is the last mail how are
you anyhow at Dinner to night we
were talking about you was saying to
John are you there at all.
we have not heard a word from
you since you left.
you will do all the talking when
you get home. The last two days
is miserable here cold and
rain hope it is nice there
we'll give my best to all
the Vermont folks.
See you next week with God's help.
Love from Kathleen & Jane



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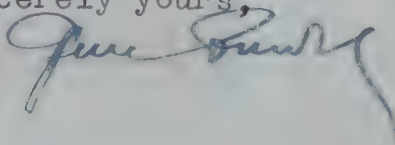
Dear Jay:

Thank you for signing and returning to me
Declaration of Scholarship Trust of The New England
Alumni Association of The Phillips Exeter Academy.

The Benton Cottage, as well as the reflection
of the Benton Cottage in the picture, is most attrac-
tive.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,



ETC/MTM

New Books at Guildhall

The following books have been added to the Guildhall Public Library:

"Hungry Hill" by Daphne Du Maurier

"The Human Comedy" by Wm. Saroyan

"Kate Fennigate" by Booth Tarkington

"On Being a Real Person" by Harry Emerson Fosdick

"Mrs. Parkington" by Louis Bromfield

"Our Hearts Were Young and Gay" by Skinner and Kimbrough

"Benchley Beside Himself" by Robert Benchley

"Reading I Have Liked" by Clifton Fadiman

"Roughly Speaking" by Louise Randall Pierson

"Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain

"The Mysterious Island" by Jules Verne

About 25 Juvenile Books have been received.

The officials of the Plymouth Fair were right in assuming that a fair could be successfully operated this fall if we can judge by the statement that all past attendance records were surpassed. If published figures of the attendance a week ago today are correct it would indicate that twice as many people were on the ground as ever attended the Lancaster Fair in a single day. The gate at the Plymouth Fair does not mean that the directors of the Lancaster Fair muffed the ball in their failure to operate the institution this year. You can't conduct a fair without a long period of preparation and the only way to get to the grounds is by motor car. The government outlawed that method and the directors did what to them, and to others, seemed the one patriotic and sensible thing to do. Plymouth, however, with railroad facilities went ahead, took a chance on the pleasure driving ban being lifted and won out.

v—V—v
Charles E. Caswell, who publishes the Friendly Cheer magazine at Concord has turned over to us a bound volume of the White Mountain Echo, published at Bethlehem during the years 1885 and 1886. Mr. Caswell, formerly lived in Warren where he published a weekly newspaper, but for several years now has made his home in the Capital City. The book contains many interesting articles about our mountain resorts. We think that there are a few people in and about Littleton who would enjoy glancing through its pages, so we are giving the volume to the local library, where it may be seen by those interested.

v—V—v
The very first article tells of the palatial railroad station completed in 1885 at Concord. This structure still is in use and has been seen by about all North Country people. Then Concord had a population of 14,000.

v—V—v
While on the subject of railroads, it is interesting to record that the Echo featured no less than 10 advertisements of roads seeking resort business. These included the Boston and Lowell, Boston and Maine, Profile and Franconia Notch, New York and New England, Connecticut River Line, Portland and Ogdensburg, South Eastern and Passumpsic, Montpelier and Wells River, Mount Washington and Central Vermont. In 1885 there were no less than 16 trains daily in and out of Bethlehem from the Junction, now known as Pierce Bridge. Six trains were operated each way to the Profile House from the Junction, just to serve that area.

v—V—v
Service from Boston, Fall River, Providence, New York, Montreal, Burlington and Portland was especially good, with several trains daily, including night expresses. Featured were Monarch sleeping cars, at the time the last word in comfort. Evidently a popular route then for New Yorkers was to take a night boat to Fall River where through trains operated daily to Fabyans, the northern terminal for resort business. It was certainly fine service.

v—V—v
The Echo of 1885 carried advertisements of four Littleton hotels, Mountain Home, then operated by E. D. Sawyer, Chiswick Inn, with A. W. Weeks as proprietor, Oak Hill House, with Farr & Jarvis as managers, and the well known Thayers Hotel, then owned by H. L. Thayer and son. Thayers advertised "a boat house fully equipped with boats on river at end of grounds."

As now, Bethlehem was a mecca for sufferers from hay fever, with an annual meeting of the association an important event on the August calendar. All the managers or owners of the hotels are now dead, so far as we can ascertain. Prominent then in the affairs of the town was the late George H. Turner, father of James Turner and grandfather of George T. Noyes. He was active in the management of Turner's Tavern, now operated by his three daughters.

v—V—v
The big event of 1886 was the Fourth Grand Gala Day presented by the Bethlehem Amusement association. The program included races, tennis matches, a baseball game, parade of decorated coaches, a band concert by the then famous Saranac Cornet band of Littleton, and a gigantic fireworks display. The railroads ran special excursions for the day and it evidently was a truly gala occasion. Similar events were held for many years and those of the present generation will remember good times spent in the town of 30 hotels. We saw our first airplane at a Bethlehem gala day. It was not much of an exhibition, judged from present-day accomplishments of heavier-than-air machines, but then it was the wonder of wonders.



Friday, September 3rd 1943

Tossing and turning in the early morning hours. Finally could not stand it any longer so out to the couch in the dining room and read back papers - the Mill Whistle at 7. and over to Steve's for the mail - Breakfast - orange juice - Shredded wheat - Chicken in gravy. fried pancakes - Hot Coffee. Nicholas was away again on the Bus for Lancaster and another tutoring lesson - the office correspondence. Karl came around early - so to Lancaster in his car to save Gladys' Gasoline - the Lancaster Post office - distributed the mail and a box of finger Cookies sent down to Peter. The Main Street - the Bank for more money. Cheal's - for 2 Books for the library - Piches for 2 pairs of stockings - a good selection a call on his Connery - to the Fruit Store for cigarettes - to Mays' Drugstore for the "Berlin Report" - waiting around for Karl. Chatting with Charles Fitch and Irving Hinkley - Ran into Sinclair Weeks at Post Woods - and he invited me down to meet up with Wendell Willie on Tuesday - Karl to the Commission for me - Eventually back to

the Cottage Mail and the Papers + Dinner
Shad Roe + Bacon - Baked Potatoes -
Succotash - Stuffed Tomatoes - Peach
Shortcake. Took a short excursion - John
Hodge came and cleaned out the gutters,
put back on the rain pipe joint at the
northwest corner of the eaves, and
filled the hole washed out at the foundation.
Frances + I took a walk way down the road
with the hound dog Pullie - looked at Basile's
Pigs. Frances got some corn at Mrs's +
back to the cottage. Supper at 8, Tomato
Bisque Soup. Corn on the Cob. hamburger Cheese
+ Crackers - Milk - Bartlett Pear.
Nicholas + Joanne Fogel went to the movies
at Lancaster this afternoon. Miss Kets.
The meadow was pretty much flooded
today. Pulp logs are skimming thick
down the river -





Mr. and Mrs. John Fairbanks Davies
announce the marriage of their daughter
Elizabeth

to

Frederick Gordon Sharpe, Junior
Corporal, United States Marine Corps

on Saturday, the fourth of September

Nineteen hundred and forty-three

Belmont, Massachusetts



Wed at Payson Park Congregational Church, Belmont, to Corporal Frederick Gordon Sharpe, Jr., the former Elizabeth Davies, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Davies of Belmont. (Lombardi.)



THE AUCTION
AT THE JUDGE HOWE FARM.
MAIDSTONE,
SATURDAY, SEPT. 4, 1943

BIG PRICES PAID AT JUDGE HOWE'S FARM AUCTION

More than one thousand farmers attended the Judge Harland B. Howe farm sale in Maidstone recently and prices for the farm, pulpwood lot, farm machinery, household goods, 30 registered milking Shorthorns, 75 high grade Shorthorns, and numerous other articles brought good prices. The entire sale was estimated by W. Arthur Simpson of Lyndonville and Montpelier, sales manager for Judge Howe, to be about \$25,000. The Forest Products company of Groveton, N H., bought the 270 acre pulpwood tract for \$5000 and Frank Dale of Natick, R. I., well-known live-stock dealer, bought the 175 acres including two large barns and the homestead for \$5,500.

Lively bidding was heard during the day, with the honors going to a 1936 farm tractor as bidders were compelled to stand by a ceiling price of \$585. Slips of paper with each one's name on it were put in a hat and one name drawn. The winner was John Erwin of Victory, and with in two minutes he had sold it at a profit.

The earning committee of the Community Club wish to thank all that gave food and all that worked to make the sale at the Judge Howe farm auction a success.

One of the largest auction sales to be held in this section was held at the Judge Howe farm on Saturday. Everything was sold, including the stock and farm.

Saturday, September 12th 1943

Up when the 7 o'clock whistle blew. Went Steve's for the mail. Nicholas off on the 8.30 Bus and his final Tutoring lesson at Lancaster. Breakfast at 8.10 after the works. Vegetable V8 - Grape Nut Flakes. Shad Roe & Bacon on toast. Filled Tomatoes. Hot Coffee. At 10.45 went down to Lancaster shopping with Frances & Gladys - Back to the Cottage. The Mail and the Papers - Dinner: Pork Chop, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, New Cabbage, Sliced Tomatoes, Peas, Cream. Left at 3 to drive up to Maidstone to the Judge Howe Farm and the Auction - The cars had been going up in a steady stream all morning - A Big Crowd. Took Movies & Stills - Frances and I rode back with Hester Fogg. Later when Gladys came back with Nicholas and Marion Hodge, Frances & I went to Grovetown with her - Misc. Shopping. Visited 3 stores trying to locate an Old Anniversary Day Wreath - but could not find one - but finally did at Grindhall.

The Community Club realized \$94.80 from the lunch served at the Judge Howe auction on Saturday last. The committee wish to thank all that helped to make this a success. A large percentage of the proceeds were turned over to the Red Cross to be used to fill the Kit Bags. Christmas gift boxes will be sent to each service man from this community.

Sunday, September 5th 1943

A part of a restless night - and so
out to the dining room couch to read
Back papers at 6.45 + Breakfast at 8.30
Orange juice - Shredded Wheat -
Fried eggs + Bacon - lettuce - toast -
Hot Coffee. It is overcast again today and
a bit of a shower now and then - Nicholas
went to church with Glenn Stevens - I
over to the White Church at 9.30 -
only 11 in attendance - two males -
Neal Beattie & I. Back to the Cottage -
Came Gladys in her car - down to get
Karl - a "Secret Mission" Drove down
to the Lancaster Fair Grounds and hung
the dehabitated weather at the main Gate
Back to the Cottage. tried out the old Movie
Projector - only to discover that there was
no 3.13! A lot of last minute Conscience.
At 2. came Out Friends for a Sunday
Spread. Baked Ham. Candied Sweet - Baked
Spaghetti with Cheese. ^{SAUCE} Pickles. Cabbage
Relish. Cauliflower au Gratin - Tomato
Cucumber with Russian Dressing. Minced
Pie. Apple Pie. Chocolate Fudge Cake
Coffee. Hamburgers Cheese & Crackers. Canned

No Fair!

There have been rumors that the Lancaster Fair would be held in October. Treas. O. Leo Connary states that the officers have voted not to hold a fair and their good judgment will be admitted.



WE PLACE
A WREATH.
SUNDAY,
SEPT. 5, 1943





**This old print of a county fair reminds us
how we miss these lively gatherings**



Sun. P.M.
SEPT. 5, 1943

Dear Mom and Dad,

Well, here we are with just two more days of P.T. to go. The time has passed quite rapidly — because I've been so busy all the time I suppose. It feels good to have the least interesting and most tedious part of the training behind me.

Tennis Backback picture came yesterday and it really is super! — just comes me squeals (everyone else in S.O. too) every time I look at it. I sure hope my next post is a little further east to make it easier for her to visit me. There are several Bombardier schools in Texas which would be a lot closer to home than I am now — about a thousand miles I guess.

I'm sure that we'll be in S.A. at least a week longer since the C.O. said it would be O.K.

to send out laundry tomorrow.

Woody ~~and~~ (my real friend Cornell) and
I spent a pleasant weekend in
Santa Ana — had a marvelous steak
dinner at Danigan's, a very classy
eating place.

And that is about all the news I
can think of now. As you can see,
life has been very quiet and
shall be the next few weeks.

How I wish it were a year
ago today. Remember the fun we
all had last Labor Day weekend
— maybe next year we can have
a repeat performance.

Love to all,
Dave

P.S. Did I tell you that I have gained
ten pounds here?!



UNITED STATES MARINES

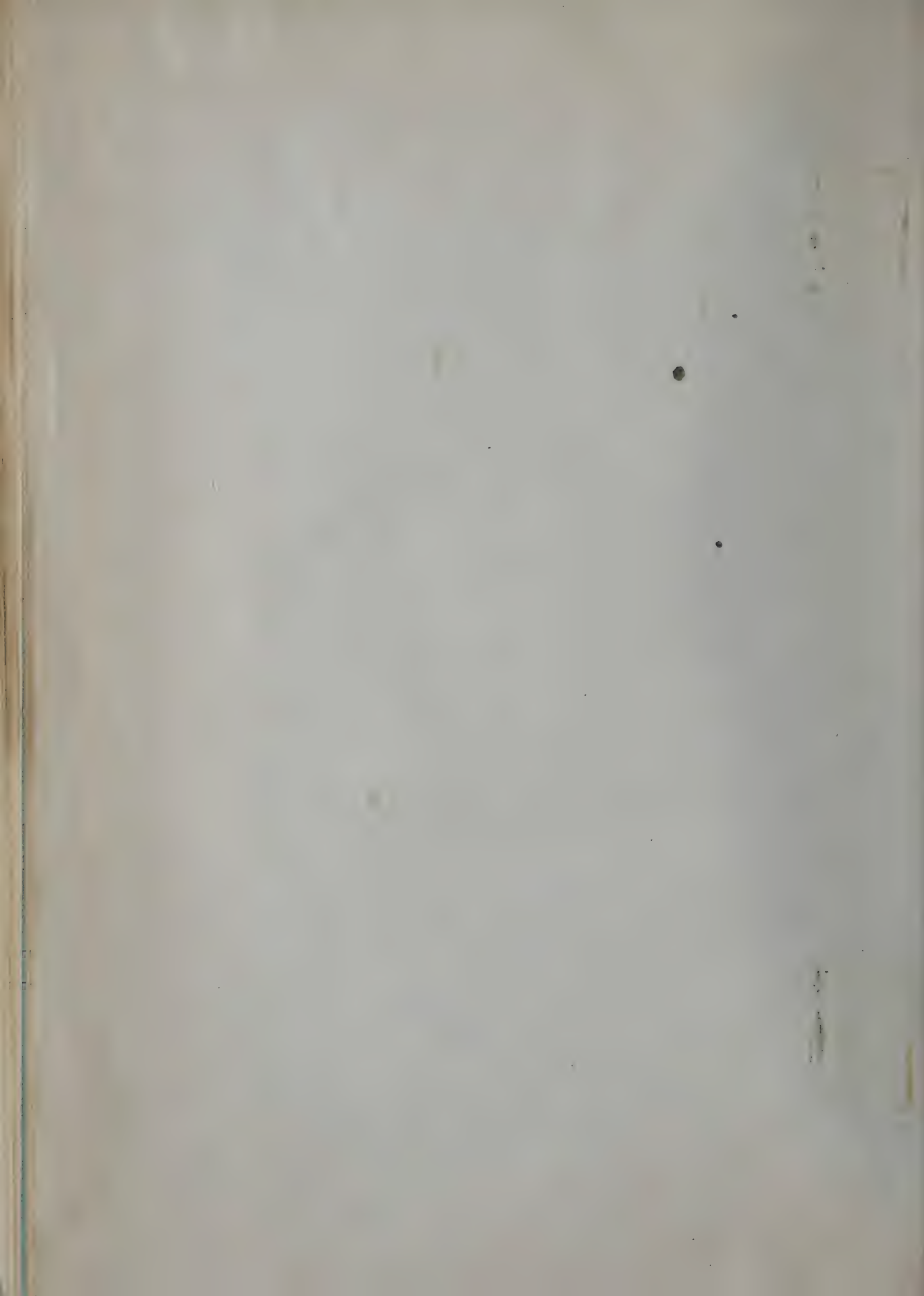
SUNDAY
SEPT. 5, 1943

Dear Dad, and Mom,

You sent the bad camera. It's broken but don't worry, I'll try it. It took pictures of my Marnie papers and they were just fair. I have been writing all day. I'm sending ~~in~~ my present up to Mother so be ready. Got a letter from Dave today. I wrote right back to him. Have been eating ice cream and candy all day and we had a swell Sunday dinner. I weigh 170 now. Not bad for all the sweat I have lost. Your letters are swell. I bought a ring today. It's nice looking and not very flashy. It was the last thing I will buy for 7 weeks or payday. I'll be home in 6 weeks so save those stamps. The food is good here but lousier compared to bath-houses. Give Marion my best. Please send some band-aids. I need them and they don't sell any down here. I must wash all my clothes and write to John so I will sign off until tomorrow.

All My Love,
Peter

Here is a pin for you
wear Mother, Dear.





Sunday
SEPT. 5, 1943

U. S. MARINE CORPS

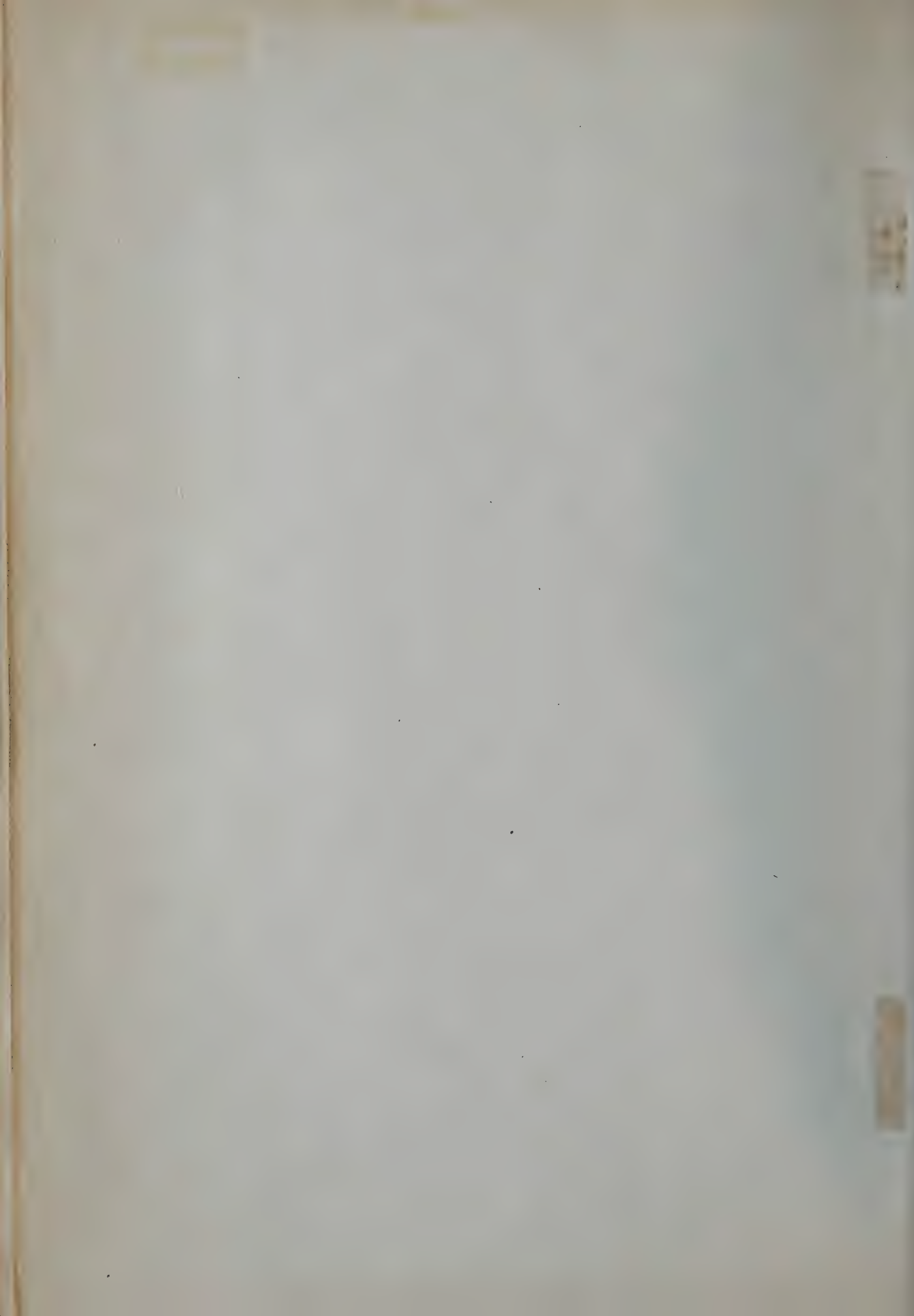
Dear Mother and Dad,

I am fine as usual and haven't had time to write until today. They work us all the time up here at the range. We fired our first shots yesterday and I was quite scared but those rifles are really wonderful. I got all those cookies from Steve's. Thank you a lot. They were swell. I get quite a few letters each day and they all are swell. It has been raining very hard today. I wrote about 20 letters today but I am pressed for time even today. Went to eight o'clock mass and I'm going to receive next week. I am sending this to QB almost so you'll have mail early from me. I have a lot of presents for you so be ready. I subscribed to the "Leatherneck" which is a swell magazine. I think it's super. I'll send you one when I go on furlough. I got \$9.60 4 more weeks to go. 20 more training days I'll take some pictures soon. How is foot ball shaping up? I sure do miss it.

Had from John yesterday and he is
still waiting for orders. I hope they come
soon for his sake. I'll write again tonight.

Love,

Pat



Mr. and Mrs. Arthur K. Henderson

request the honour of your presence

at the marriage of their daughter

Priscilla Marden

to

Mr. Robert Alexander Hawkins

Ensign, United States Navy

on Sunday, the fifth of September

nineteen hundred and forty-three

at three o'clock

All Saints Church

Belmont, Massachusetts

Reception

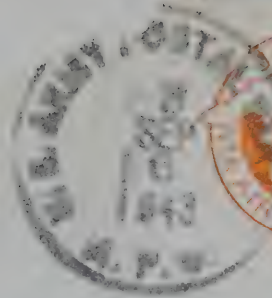
immediately after the ceremony

175 Washington Street

Belmont, Massachusetts

Please reply

Miss Priscilla M. Henderson



Mrs. Jay R. Benton
3 Requesette Road
Belmont,
Mass.

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Miss Priscilla M. Henderson

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U.S. AIR MAIL
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Mrs. Jay R. Benton
3 Pequassette Road
Belmont,
Mass.

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the news of John Straight.

Today Sunday and
on these days I always think
of you and those terrible times
I had at 3 Pequassette. It
all goes along fine until I get
to thinking of the noon (or was
it 2- or 3 o'clock) meal, then I
know I'm going to a meal of
Corned beef & spuds. Pot & lentils.

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to me and

the latest
Love

Billy Whiskey



SEPT. 5. 1943



The House of Hodge.

An historic occasion as Karl, John Hodge, Stan
and I went over to the Common to
measure out the prescriptive
enclosure for "The Giraffe" on
Guildhall Common.

Guildhall

Jay R. Benton, Karl E. Hayes and H. S. Hall were among those invited by Sinclair Weeks to his summer home on Labor Day, where they met his guest the Hon. Wendall L. Wilkie, and enjoyed an informal talk.

Monday, September 12th 1943 -

Washed buckets all night - and this day is hot, sultry, muggy and altogether what you would call a sticky day - Up and pacing around at 7. Frances stayed in bed until 9. The works - Breakfast of orange juice - shredded wheat - Porch Oych. Fried Potatoes. Toast - Hot Coffee. More house cleaning preparatory to going home. The Chauffeur's Room and the upstairs back Hall. Detached a lot of mail down home and to the office. At 12 Nicholas was away with Jane Hayes to dig potatoes at one of Peaslee's Farms. At 2.30 Frances, Gladys & I went down to Karl and Mac's for a chicken dinner. Down to the Common to take a picture of the giraffe with the Church & Court house in the background. At 3.45 Karl & I drove down to La Costa to Sinclair Weeks Cat-Bow Farm to attend a conference with Wendell Wilkie. Sat in the living room and chatted for an hour and a half -



NICHOLAS,
THE POTATO DIGGER.

SEPT. 6, 1943



UNITED STATES MARINES

Monday night

Sept. 6, 1943

Dear Mother and Dad,

Well, I have finally begun to get a little time to myself. The past week has been hectic and I did not have much time for writing letters, I hear from you quite a lot and the letters are good. The food had poison in it yesterday and most of the guys are quite sick. It all started last night when about every bathroom was jammed with "boots". I was lucky because I didn't even get sick. The epidemic has cleared somewhat but not completely. If you send things to eat, I will appreciate it a lot. We are due to pull out of here on the eight~~th~~ but the trains are very crowded so it may be a little later. It is getting a little cooler here now and it seems to be a little better place in which to live. We fire every day now and I seem to be quite a good shot but time will tell. This is the first Labor Day that we've ever worked. I hope it's the last. We are almost half way through our range



UNITED STATES MARINES

~~Among~~ training. We'll have about two more weeks at the main station before we move off. My arms are very brown and have a little hair on my head - but not much.

Love,

John



September 6, 1943

Dear Mother + Daddy

Got your latest letter on
Saturday afternoon. Sounds as if
you have been busy but I
hope you miss the farm.

The mail didn't come till
late Saturday so we read it
while having cocktails downstairs
with the Peppers. Jim kept
singing to the tune of the
National Anthem, then sang
at "God's Country". I don't need to tell
that as he is a valid Easterner,
as I told you.

I think I wrote you that I
think is now a "super" setting. You

Bill

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Bill

Saturday the Col. asked me to pick up
a few orders to go to Hollywood
tomorrow to be in a movie. I don't
know what sort of movie
it will be, probably a training
film - but naturally everyone is
excited. Let me know what
happens.

Hal Miller received notice to
report to the staff board for the board
the prior to being inducted into the
after October 1st. In Miller's class
are all up in the air. I
wouldn't be surprised if he
would move to Vermont or the
duration if he goes. I know
some want to keep Hal Curtis
in the Vermont air.

Haras also saw the Hastings
in the way up to St. Hastings.

... been terribly ill. you know. Was
Mina.

Say. I'd like it very much if
someone would send me a
list of the Boston postoffices with
their numbers. The only one I
can remember is Belmont 78 - or is it 79?

We had a WONDERFUL
Saturday night. Really the
most delicious we have had in
months. It was a real, honest-to-
Godness Potluckhouse. Sunday, we had
Lorraine's chicken. Jim's request,
the lones rice. Cooked the chicken
with white wine - very good.

The Douresses are going to
the Snoy to school for 2 months so
on the 15th of this month Mary +
Bill Bille (yes, his name is Wm R. Bille)

more in. He was with the 20th but
is now commanding - 10th in the
21st. They are a nice couple. The
barracks are in better shape, the 20th
are a regiment of the 10th are now
being trained.

Hope you are all well & happy
now. The 10th are still in the
line finally you know, although the
line. Now there are more than 10th
still. They never, even have that
marvelous good day in set at home
from this time, according to season.

The Col. is giving tests each week,
to the officers, & if you don't pass you
can't come home for the weekend!! Last
week the 10th battery officers didn't have to
take the test because they had just
become a super battery.

Will write soon again. Love to all,
Mary

Monday, Sept. 6

Dear Mrs. Benton,

It was so nice to receive your letter. I am afraid I have been neglecting my correspondence lately. What with working and visiting Dave every day I don't have much time to do anything else.

Benton Cottage looks so lovely — and it will be good when you have your family all together and back there again. I will be so happy and proud to be one of that family.

Haven't Dave's marks

been excellent though! I, too, am swelling with pride. I am sure those top marks will mean a great deal in the final outcome of this Air Corps training. It seems that this past week was to be his last at Santa Ana. — I'm so anxious to know where his next training Base will be.

My Bachrach picture has been here quite awhile and I am sending it out next week when you will be back in Belmont. Dave received his last week.

My love to you and Mr. Benton — and Nick, too.

James.

WILLKIE AND HOST IN HUDDLE



(Photo by Thomas A. O'Connor, Globe staff)

WILLKIE AT LANCASTER

Returning to the North Country two years after he first visited this section, Wendell L. Willkie, again rated as a serious contender for the Republican Presidential nomination next year, will be a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair Weeks at their summer home at Martin Meadow pond, Lancaster, over Labor Day week end.

Mr. Willkie, accompanied by National Committeeman Robert P. Burroughs, will make a formal call on Governor Robert O. Blood at Concord on Friday afternoon, and will be a guest of honor at a dinner in the evening at the Eagle hotel at which ranking members of the party will be present. He will meet interested persons at the executive offices in the State House Saturday morning and will also have a press conference.

He will then leave for Lancaster for the week end. U. S. Senator Styles Bridges is also expected to be on hand at the Weeks estate. Mrs. Willkie, who spoke at the Lancaster fair two years ago, is in New York with her son, Philip, and is not expected to be in Lancaster.

Willkie at Lancaster for Labor Day Week-end

LANCASTER, Sept. 5—Wendell L. Willkie spent the Labor Day week-end at "Cat-Bow," summer home of Sinclair Weeks, Republican national treasurer.

He arrived in Lancaster late Saturday afternoon and went immediately to "Cat-Bow" where a number of GOP leaders from New Hampshire met him. Many of the party leaders from Lancaster were among the group of 35.

Willkie is scheduled to address the Lancaster Rotary club at its weekly meeting Monday noon at the Mary Elizabeth Inn.

JUNE 30th 1944



Wendell Willkie Laughed

Wendell L. Willkie, when informed last night of the changes made in the officers of the Republican National Committee, especially the replacement of Sinclair Weeks, personal and political

friend as national treasurer, laughed heartily.

"They're certainly making it complete, aren't they?" he said, apparently referring to the elimination of his supporters from all posts of responsibility in the committee.

Mr. Weeks was one of Mr. Willkie's closest political friends. He was active in the Willkie pre-nomination campaign of 1940 and served as assistant manager of the Eastern campaign headquarters after the nomination. He was also active in Mr. Willkie's behalf this year prior to the latter's withdrawal as a candidate for the nomination following his defeat in the Wisconsin primary.



Wendell Willkie Speaks Before Lancaster Group

Spends the Week End in Lancaster as
Guest of Sinclair Weeks---Other
Notables in the Gathering

TALKS ON RUSSIA TO LANCASTER ROTARY



WENDELL L. WILLKIE

the second time in as many years, Lancaster has been visited with a visit from Wendell L. Willkie, Republican candidate for president in 1940 and choice of millions for the honor in 1944. On the Day week end of 1941, Mr. and Mrs. Willkie were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair Weeks at

Cat-Bow Farm at Martin Meadow Pond. He had the same hosts over the last week end and Lancaster is grateful to this family that have ever been loyal to the community.

Mr. Weeks is treasurer of the Republican National Committee but also a close and intimate friend of Mr. Willkie. The latter, speaking at the Lancaster Rotary Club on Monday, referred to Mr. Weeks as "My very dear friend."

Mr. Willkie's visit into New England is not without political significance. He met party leaders in Vermont and was in conference with Governor Wills and Congressman Plumley. On Friday and Saturday he was the guest of Republican leaders of this state at Concord and while at Concord learned that the Congressional delegation from this state to a man favor the selection of delegates to the Republican National Convention that would not include the governor and members of Congress. Mr. Willkie heard the proposal but made no comment, doubtless satisfied with the way New Hampshire will vote at the Republican convention.

Mr. Weeks was not in Concord but with Mrs. Weeks was ready to receive the distinguished visitor when he arrived at their summer home late Saturday afternoon. Other guests apart from Boston friends, included United States Senator Styles Bridges, President Ernest Hopkins of Dartmouth College and Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Burroughs of Nashua. Mr. Burroughs is the state representative on the national committee. President Hopkins returned to Hanover on Sunday where imperative business awaited him.

Mr. Willkie was able to get a little rest on Sunday and to enjoy the fine view from Cat-Bow Farm and to inspect with interest the large poultry farm that is the pride of Mr. Weeks and its superintendent, Ed. Munro.

In the afternoon, however, he was kept busy. Some 30 party leaders in Coos County, representing many of the towns, were present on invitation and politics were not taboo. They were completely "sold" on the 1940 standard bearer when they left for their homes.

Throughout the evening and the following morning were informal conferences with those that called at the home as well as with those there as the family guests.

Monday noon, however, Lancaster entered the picture. When

ON A HOT, DUSTY DAY in August, 1940, Wendell L. Willkie stood up in the back seat of an automobile and charged down Main Street in Elwood, Ind. From a scaffold in Callaway Park that afternoon he looked over the biggest political rally in the United States (200,000 people) and roared defiance at Franklin Roosevelt. Willkie was a unique phenomenon in American politics. Six months before the Elwood speech he was known mainly as the president of the billion-dollar Commonwealth and Southern Corporation, and the principal foe of TVA.



RUSHVILLE HONORS A FAMED SON



Residents of the Indiana town where the late Wendell Willkie was born, looking at the twelve-foot cross erected in his memory and which is tentatively scheduled for dedication on Nov. 10. It bears a laurel wreath and torch of freedom on which is superimposed a crusader's sword. Left to right: Wilmer Kendall, chairman of the memorial committee; Miss Mary Sleeth, manager of the Willkie farms, and Ralph L. Morgan, president, Rushville Rotary Club.

Associated Press Wirephoto



FARMER WILLKIE in the corn at Rushville, Ind.

Willkie left yesterday for
ferences in Maine he left here
small satisfied group and a
ge and disappointed group.
former was composed of
se that had been held spell-
nd by Mr. Willkie's stirring
ress at the Rotary Club
cheon and the larger group
se that did not hear him but
I hoped that he might address
public gathering.

The meeting of the Lancaster
ary Club was the high spot
the club's history. It was held
er ideal conditions in the
orated and beautiful Mary
zabeth Inn where 65 Rotarians
l special guests were served a
key dinner. Outside scores,

ny women, awaited the ar-
al of Mr. Willkie in a beach
gon. He greeted them gra-
sfully, shook hands with many
autographed several copies
his best seller, "One World."
r 2,000,000 copies of this
k have been sold, he stated in
cord. Following his talk he
it through a similar experi-
e and nearly half an hour
osed before he was able to
away from an admiring
wd.

Lancaster folk that heard Mr.
llkie at the club dinner will
soon forget his magnetic per-
ality or the message he gave.
t. Willkie sat at the head
le with club officers, Senator
ldges and a few invited guests.

President Marshall Gilchrist ex-
ceded the club's greetings to all
esent and asked Senator Bridg-
to introduce Mr. Willkie. Af-
being cordially received as he
ways is in Lancaster, the Sen-
Senator said he had spent
ny Labor Days in Lancaster
the fair and was glad this
ar to be the guest of Mr.
eeks and to enjoy the asso-
iation with Mr. Willkie, not
ly one of America's great men
t one of the truly great men
the world. The country needs
win the war and with it the
arantee of our freedoms and
e privileges that go with that
eedom and the country needs a
st-war program that promises
abiding peace in the world.
e was pleased to present a
an best able to guarantee these,
endell Willkie.

Enthusiastically received the
eat American lost no time in
etting down to the main points
an address given with fervor
d sincerity. He lauded Sena-
r Bridges as a man who should
main in the Senate for no
enator has cast more votes
right." He said such commu-
ies as Lancaster are to have a
ore important part than ever
r shaping the destinies of the
untry. He was glad of the op-
portunity to address such a
athering. In the course of his
emarks he made no mention of
omestic problems or of the ad-
ministratin. He elaborated on his

visit to Russia as told in "One
World" and stressed the pat-
riotism, the initiative and the
faith of the Russians and dwelt
at considerable length upon their
industrial accomplishments. He
spoke with fluency and with earn-
estness, proving what many have
believed, that he is most im-
pressive as an extemporaneous
speaker. It was evident that Mr.
Willkie was conducting a sort of
"Gallup Poll" of his own for he
called upon those in the audience
to express their opinion on the
matters he had presented to
them. More than half a dozen
responded and Mr. Willkie lis-
tened to each with intense inter-
est. He had gathered an idea
of the opinions of a cross-section
of a New England town.

Mr. Willkie did not then know
that at about the same time,
Winston Churchill was telling a
group at Harvard University
that an Anglo-American Alliance
must follow the war, that such a
military alliance would be a guar-
antee of peace, and that Gov.
Tom Dewey at the party post
war conference in Mackinac was
also demanding an Anglo-Ameri-
can alliance. He later learned
that the Chicago Tribune had
read Tom Dewey out of the Re-
publican party.

President Gilchrist thanked Mr.
Willkie and Mr. Weeks, also the
manager of the Inn for their
hospitality and adjourned the
meeting.

Mr. Willkie later at the Weeks
home met a dozen or more local
residents, Republicans and Demo-
crats, in an informal manner
without political significance. He

left yesterday for a fence view-
ing trip into Maine, leaving be-
hind in Lancaster a group of ad-
mirers.

At Concord Meetings

Concord, N. H., Sept. 3.—A
conference between leaders of
the three big powers—the United
States, Great Britain and the
Russian Soviets—to plan an or-
dered, peaceful, post-war world,
"is long overdue," Wendell Will-
kie told interviewers here to-
night.

Mr. Willkie parried questions
as to specifically what he thinks
has so far delayed a conference
of this kind—such as seems to
be in the making between Roose-
velt, Churchill and Stalin.

But he did disclose, after stat-
ing some of his views off the
record, that he is now preparing
for early publication his further
thoughts upon the imperative
necessity of this tripartite par-
ley.

The 1940 Republican Presiden-
tial nominee would not comment
upon President Roosevelt's cur-
rent course or upon his own
prospects of obtaining his party's
nomination in 1944, nor upon
the Macinac assembly.

He was "not at all surprised"
that of California's 467 county
committeemen, 168 recently voted
for him as their first choice for
the party's nomination next year.

In fine fettle after his long
rest at Rushville, and this pres-
ent New England "vacation," he
said: "I think that for the coun-
try's welfare it is indispensable
that the Republican party win in
1944."

When asked about it, Willkie
replied with some elation, that
sales of his volume, "One World",
have reached the 2,000,000 mark,
that it is the best-seller in Swed-
en, that there are Spanish and
Portuguese translations, that the
sales have jumped in South Am-
erica, and that it is to be filmed.

Having visited Dartmouth's
president, Ernest M. Hopkins, at
Hanover this morning, Willkie
arrived in Concord this afternoon.
This evening he was guest at a
private dinner with the state's
Republican leaders, arranged by
national committeeman Robert
P. Burroughs, at the Eagle Hotel.

There, 70 Granite State Repub-
licans gladly shook the hand that
shook the hand of Josef Stalin—
and he and they informally dis-
cussed international and party
affairs.

Over 500 persons, most of
them women, were in the recep-
tion line for Wendell Willkie Sat-
urday forenoon at Gov. Robert
O. Blood's office, as the 1940
Presidential candidate continued
his visit to the Granite State.

The smiling visitor of the
Hoosier State expressed no dis-
appointment at advices given
him Friday night by the quartet
who are New Hampshire's Con-
gressional delegation — Senators
Styles Bridges and Charles W.
Tobey, and Congressmen Foster
Stearns and Chester E. Merrow—
that they would prefer to have
a slate of civilian candidates en-
ter the field as delegates to the
next Republican convention, rather
than run themselves, as pledg-
ed to Willkie or unpledged.

This Presidential primary—the
nation's first to be held in rela-
tion to the 1944 campaign—comes
next March 14, when a slate of
11 delegates and as many altern-
ates will be elected. Pioneered
Willkiemen hereabouts like Judge
William J. Britton of Wolfeboro,
were confident that an ample
ticket of the Indianan's admirers
will be ready to run, as pledged-
to-Willkie New Hampshiremen.

After a week end at the Lan-
caster farm of the Bay State's
Sinclair Weeks, Mr. Willkie will
leave early Tuesday forenoon for
Portland, where he is to be the
guest of Republican National
Committeeman William S. Lin-
nell.—Boston Globe.

Willkie Speaks at Lancaster

Continues Conferences With GOP Leaders; Off to Maine Today

Special to The Union.

LANCASTER, Sept. 6—In addressing the Lancaster Rotarians at their weekly meeting at the Mary Elizabeth inn, Wendell L. Willkie, Republican Presidential candidate in 1940, spoke mainly on American relations with Russia.

Most of Mr. Willkie's talk was off the record, but he called on various members of the organization to give their opinions on the Russian question. He was introduced by U. S. Sen. Styles Bridges.

Mr. Willkie is staying at "Cat-Bow," the summer home of Sinclair Weeks, Republican national treasurer. After alighting from Mr. Weeks' beach wagon on his way to the Rotary meeting, Mr. Willkie was greeted by many townspeople, with whom Mr. Willkie shook hands and talked. He also autographed a few copies of his book, "One World."

Mr. Willkie spent most of the morning discussing party politics with the GOP leaders from New Hampshire and neighboring states, and after his talk at the Rotary club, invited others to "Cat-Bow" for further discussion.

He plans to leave New Hampshire Tuesday for Maine where he will talk with Pine Tree State GOP leaders.

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Willkie Discusses Post-War Issues in New Hampshire

Special Dispatch to the Globe

LANCASTER, N. H., Sept. 6—Wendell L. Willkie leaves tomorrow for Maine in connection with his tour of some of the New England cities. He had been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair Weeks at their Summer home here since Saturday evening. Other guests included United States Senator Styles Bridges and Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Burroughs of Nashua.

This noon Mr. Willkie, Mr. Weeks and Senator Bridges were guests of the Lancaster Rotary Club at the Mary Elizabeth Inn and addressed a capacity gathering.

Pres. Marshall Gilchrist and Senator Bridges spoke briefly. Mr. Willkie said the smaller communities are going to have an active part in shaping the destinies of this country after the war. He held the close attention of his audience as he discussed the part this country must play in the post-war setup.

On invitation a number of Rotarians entered into the discussion at the conclusion of Mr. Willkie's talk. Later in the day another group of friends of Mr. Weeks were entertained at his home and introduced to Mr. Willkie.

WILLKIE TALKS WITH LEADERS

Leaves Granite State for Maine Today

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Willkie

GOP Presidential Pros- pect Speaks Before Lancaster Rotary Club

Making a favorable impression on natives of Lancaster during his 48-hour stay in that community over the Labor Day week end, Wendell L. Willkie left Lancaster Tuesday for Portland, Me., to continue his fence-viewing, and then hurried on for a conference with state leaders at Providence, R. I.

Visited Two Years Ago

Two years ago Mr. and Mrs. Willkie first visited Lancaster as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair Weeks at their Cat-Bow farm at Martin Meadow pond. This time the Republican candidate

for president in 1940 returned accompanied by Senator Styles Bridges and other Republican leaders. Mr. Weeks is treasurer of the Republican National committee and a close friend of Mr. Willkie.

While in Lancaster, Mr. Willkie compared New Hampshire farms with those in Illinois and was impressed with the Weeks' large poultry farm. Mr. Willkie arrived in Lancaster Saturday night, and Sunday afternoon some 30 party leaders of Coos county were present on invitation. Discussion of politics was not restricted. Throughout the evening and Monday morning, informal conferences took place at Cat-Bow.

Present were Wendell Wilkie,
Sinclair Weeks, Karl Hanges,
Wm H. McCarter, Bert Moore,
Harley Hall, James S. Weymune,
Wm H. McCarter Jr., Fred Cleveland,
Bernard Jacobs, Dan. H. Danks, and
~~the following from the business office.~~
Charles F. Hurley, J. R. E. Neil Twitshell
Back to Guild Hall. Then we
down to get John & Carlos Dodge and
the truck to haul away the
rubbish, debris, etc. Then we
sat on the porch and talked for
a half hour. Then to bed.

Much Canada by Sparkling Water
at Guild Hall this summer.
Six cars.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Benton and son Nicholas returned to their home in Belmont, Mass., Monday, after three weeks at their cottage.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Benton and their son, Nicholas, of 3 Pequossette rd returned home on Tuesday after a month's vacation at Guildhall, Vermont.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay R. Benton and son, Nicholas Benton, returned to their Belmont home, on Tuesday, after spending the past 4 weeks at the Benton cottage.

Tuesday, September 12, 1943

Up early. Breakfast at 8. Did four days fishing. Packing - cleaning house - Gladys took Nicholas and me down to Lancaster at 11. Back to the cottage. More packing - 11:30. Later came Karl & Max - Gladys. Carlos & Hodge. More packing - then a torrential thunderstorm. Left as pitch left at 5:30. A drive to Whitehall, N.Y., Mass., & Tane. Gladys & Anne came down to see us off. The "Mountaineer" left at 6:15. Supper a board - club sandwich. The large gash of water down the Cascades in Crawford Notch. Long trip. Train reached New York Station at 10:37 - 7 minutes ahead of time. John there to meet us in the Mercury - 50 hours in the D.M.-out. Greetings to Kathleen and Tane. Curly and "Russ" on deck. To bed after midnight.

School opened Tuesday for the Fall session.

Lancaster Swelters For Two Days

Lancaster which has been drenched and chilled for several weeks has been experiencing during the past few days a contrast, with high temperatures and scarcely any cooling breezes.

The tables below contrasting temperatures for the first seven days indicate that there were three consecutive days with a reading in the 30s last year, with a heavy frost on September 6. Yesterday afternoon it was 12 degrees warmer than on a corresponding day a year ago. Heavy black clouds in late afternoon boded no good and the heaviest rain of the year fell with some thunder and lightning as an accompaniment. The rainfall here was 1.25 inches and rivers are running high this morning.

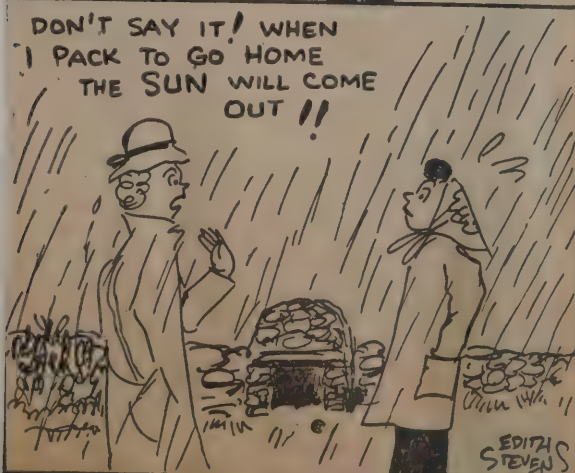
There has been much speculation as to the rainfall during the past summer. People will not be surprised to learn that during the months of June, July and August there was a total rainfall of 13.57 inches. The following is as it registered on the Twin State gage:

June	5.23
July	3.80
August	4.54
Total	13.57

Date	(1943) Min.	Max.
Sept. 1	49	69
Sept. 2	56	63
Sept. 3	51	72
Sept. 4	47	73
Sept. 5	53	73
Sept. 6	64	84
Sept. 7	66	87



VERY FEW RAINY DAYS THIS SUMMER - IT OUGHT TO CLEAR BY TOMORROW



EDITH STEVEN

Dues. P.M.
SEPT. 7. 1943

Dear Mom + Dad ~~Dear~~ gratias

at last the "grind" is over - at least as far as the regular P-F course is concerned. Needless to say, I'm not a bit sorry to have it behind me and of course, am very pleased to have finished with the top average in P.O. my final average, 96+70.

We covered a wide variety of things in our classes. I know you're interested so I shall list them for you -

1. Gunnery.
- ✓ 2. Code + Radio procedure.
3. Math
4. Naval Forces - Identification + tactics
5. Air Forces - Identification + tactics
6. Maps + Charts - navigational procedures
7. Aerial Photography
8. First Aid
9. Military sanitation + Hygiene

- ✓ 10. Dalton Computer & circular slide Rule
- ✓ 11. Trigonometry
- 12. Chemical Warfare
- ✓ 13. Physics
- 14. Military Publications
- ✓ 15. Censorship and the safeguarding of military information.
- 16. Military Courtesy
- 17. Infantry Drill Regulations
- 18. Ground Forces - organization & tactics

The check marks indicate my best course - 100% final grades.

Baron, a fairly reliable one I think, has no leaving in about a week for (down it all) some summer school. But still, it's just a rumor and not worth a particle of truth. We shall see.

Let's see, your vacation ends tomorrow. I it? Sure but you hate to leave. The parties & picnics must be super. By the way, thanks for the range shots - very much.

OK yes, to complete the P-F
- total domestic ground - mine
LIA + love to all,



DAVID M. WHITE
EDITOR & PUBLISHER OF THE
COOS COUNTY DEMOCRAT
—
LANCASTER, N. H.,
SEPT. 7, 1943

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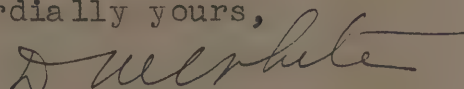
LANCASTER
NEW HAMPSHIRE

September 24, 1943

My dear Mr. Benton:

I thank you very much for your courtesy in sending me a picture of the guy you shot on Main Street that day. Not having had a good look at myself for some time I was made aware of the fact that I did not qualify as a glamour boy in the movies, but the main thing was that Mrs. White greatly appreciated it as I have been very camera shy. I thank you very much, and wish you a pleasant winter.

Cordially yours,



JONATHAN M. STEERE
1818 GIRARD TRUST BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA

September 7, 1943.

Mr. J. R. Benton, President,
Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Benton:

When I was in Boston a few days ago I stopped in to see you, and perhaps you can imagine the object of my visit aside from the pleasure of meeting you again. It was to ask if you can see any light on coming to the autumn meeting of our New England Society of Pennsylvania and saying something to us. As I told you, it is an informal gathering of about seventy-five men at the Franklin Inn Club. We have a social time, eat dinner and have one speech by our guest.

It will give us all, I am sure, great pleasure if you can spare an evening in the latter part of October or in November. We always have the gathering before Thanksgiving.

Our group consists of lawyers, doctors, clergymen, business men, and even a few bankers, and a fine Yankee spirit prevails at our meetings.

We should of course care for your expenses.

Very much hoping that we may look forward to the pleasure of a visit from you

Sincerely yours,



President.

P. S. - You may remember that we have a mutual friend in the person of Charles T. Cottrell.

September 22, 1943

Mr. Jonathan M. Steere
1318 Girard Trust Co.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Steere:

I am sorry I cannot get over to Philadelphia to speak to your New England Society of Pennsylvania. I am honored by the renewal of your invitation, but in these days of war I must stay right at my business -- there are all sorts of problems -- manpower, labor negotiations.

Why don't you try Robert Lincoln O'Brien (a New Englander) for Chairman of the U. S. Tariff Commission. He is a brilliant speaker -- likes to speak. His address:

c/o The Highlands
Washington, D. C.

He started in as a young man as Secretary to Grover Cleveland.

Sincerely yours,

JRB:DCC

The Fall of Italy

Italy's armies have surrendered unconditionally.

General Eisenhower, Allied commander in chief, radiocast at 12:30 p. m., eastern war time, that a military armistice became effective "this instant."

Hostilities ceased today, although the truce was actually reached Sept. 3 at Allied advanced headquarters in Sicily. It was then agreed that the armistice should come into effect at a time most favorable to the Allies. "That moment has arrived," said the official Allied statement.

Terms of the armistice were approved by the Governments of the United States, Britain and Soviet Russia.

Thus, the Berlin-Rome-Tokyo Axis that plunged the world into the greatest catastrophe of history has been split by the elimination of the second member and the whole German position in the South has been thrown open.

Wednesday, September 9th 1943

The tremendous news at noon today was the surrender of Italy!
I was up early - down for the "Herald" at 6.30 - the Works - unpacked suit case and bag. Frances quite sick, upset a stomach - severe gripes - so she had to stay in bed all day.
Breakfast. Orange juice - oatmeal - fried eggs + Bacon - Toast. Iced Coffee -
Then drove me to Harvard Square Subway Office - Back on the job again. Meeting to and from all. Much work - Out to lunch at 12.30 with Lane. Left Photostat at Spalding Moss. Left still films at Jordans. To Stebens Corn Beef, Shred Cold Potatoes salad, Sliced Tomato, String Beans. Rotted Iced Coffee. Bartlett Bear to Ivan Johnson's - left 2 movie films. To Clements Barber Shop. Hair Cut and Shampoo Office. Worked to 4.30. Home on Arch St. Subway. Have all the way on the cars. Frances better but still

in Bed. Dinner at 6:40. Roast Chicken
from Mac Hayes - Rice - Potato - Gravy
Dressing. Cauliflower (Hollandaise)
also from Mac. Bread. Butter. Milk.
Custard and sliced Pine Apples. A beauti-
ful paint man in the east room says
Up stairs and to Bed at 7:15 -

BRILLIANT TWILIGHT SKY SHOW

Showers and Setting
Sun Team Up to
Make Rainbow

Boston and vicinity early last night was treated to an unusual sky spectacle when one of the biggest and most resplendent rainbows in recent annals staged a gigantic show in the heavens shortly before the twilight hour.

With scattered very light showers in the area, the setting sun struck off the myriad colors in a great arch overhead, and with the on-coming dusk the whole sky took on a lurid yellow hue.

All over the metropolitan area, from Newton, and Cambridge, and Somerville, and even as far away as Hingham, residents were aware of the strange color of the sky. Some even suggested it might portend a tropic storm. But the brilliance of the rainbow just as the twilight began to descend accounted for the phenomenon.

Scores of telephone calls flooded in at newspaper offices seeking information as to the peculiar coloring of the evening skies. And scores called attention to the great rainbow.

The rainbow was a wide band of vibrant color forming a magnificent arc and shimmering with every hue. It constituted one of the most perfect witnessed in this section for many years.

The weather man said it was caused by the setting sun gleaming on the very, very light rain and mist which pervaded the area at the hour before the coming of dusk.

Less Humid Today

Seldom have the myriad spectrum colors been seen in such brilliant display. Conditions were just right for the spectacular parade of vivid hues, experts said. And they continued for minutes on end, with the big rainbow lasting an unusual length of time.

The sky show came at the end of a day of very high humidity, and scattered showers of light intensity, which prevailed virtually from morning to night.

Today should be less humid, it was stated last night. And, although the "drying out" process will be a slow one, it should be cooler and much more comfortable tonight.

NEW YORK CELEBRATES: SCENES OF JOY

HERE OVER THE SURRENDER OF ITALY



Paper and rag remnants made a white mantle at Thirty-fifth Street and Seventh Avenue

Wednesday
SEPT. 8, 1943

Dear Gorko,

Well we're one step nearer to be-
ing all together once more. It is O.K. by
me too. I'm broke and hungry. Another
harvest today. That makes 3 ~~as~~ in 6
weeks. Boy I must be a marmie be-
cause I get one every 6 months at home.
I'll be on my way in 4 weeks so get my
self made. I don't know where I'll
go from here but as long as it's some
school it will be well. Lots of troops
are coming in down here. I guess they
are getting ready for tremendous in-
vasions in Pacific bases because a
great deal of men are shipping out
of here daily. I must shower so I'll
sign off for now. I have so little time
I can't write a long letter to you till
Sunday.

Love,
Betty

BOSTON UNIVERSITY
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20 BEACON STREET
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August 30, 1943

Hon. Jay R. Benton
160 Congress Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Benton:

While I appreciate your inability to serve on the Century Club Committee, Mr. Stone would like to extend you an invitation to attend the first meeting of that group. It will take place at the Parker House on September 8 at 12:30.

If you can find it convenient to come, we shall appreciate having your advice on the procedures planned for the Committee.

Sincerely,

Judson R. Butler

Judson Rea Butler
Executive Alumni Secretary

JRB/C

VERMONT ASSOCIATION OF BOSTON

Sept. 3, 1943

IMPORTANT Executive Committee meeting
Wednesday, September 8th, five o'clock
P. M., Room 1041 Tremont Bldg., Boston.

D. T. Montague, Sec'y



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September 9th, 1943

Dear Mr. President,-

The Executive Committee met yesterday afternoon and voted to hold a trial party November 6th, and then if the attendance warranted, hold other parties as usual.

I enclose a copy of the record of the meeting.

Trusting that you and your family had a pleasant summer, I am

Very truly yours,

D. T. Montague
Secretary

DTM/P

Thursday, September 9th 1943 X

Down for the "Herald" at 6.30 - Up at 7.30 - Breakfast. Orange juice - Cream of wheat. Broiled Egg on Hash. Toast - Boiled Coffee. To town on the cars all the way and talking with William C. Burke. Sr. and Jr. the latter on his way to Marine Headquarters for his examination. Subway. Office. Work. Nicholas came in at 12 and out to lunch with him and Everett Lane at the Cafe Royale in the Hotel Touraine. Soft Shell Crabs with Tartar Sauce. Sliced Tomatoes. Roll. Butter - Boiled Coffee - Banana. With Nicholas to get clothes for school. A Pair of Moccasins, \$3.95; to Regals for 6 pairs of ankle socks, \$3.00; to Rogers & Co. for a reversible Coat, \$28.95 and gray slacks \$ 8.95; later he went to Jordan's and bought 2 pair of pajamas, \$4.00; I went to Schraft's & got a Box of candy to send to Peter \$1.10. A "Herald" to David. Back to the office at 3. Worked to 4.15. Then to Woolworth's for a glass receptacle for my medicine and a Box of Tooth Picks.

Saturday. Home all the way on the car.
Fruit High. Tea Coffee. A letter from
Peter. Read the "Cos County Democrat".
X. Dinner at 6.40 - Cold Roast Beef -
Condiments. Baked Macaroni with
Cheese. Fried Summer Squash - Tomato
& Lettuce salad. Toast. Milk. Sliced
Peaches. Upstairs at 7.

Fri. A.M.

Sept. 10, 1943

Dear Mom + Dad -

I am on fire guard today - nothing much to do but sit in the barracks all day long - a very dull existence.

I guess I shouldn't complain tho' since most of the fun is over K.P.

Nothing new on shippping. I am pretty positive that we'll leave somewhere next week but "where?" is now the question.

I had some great news about Italy's capitulation, wasn't it?! Maybe we will all be together again in a year or so. At any rate, it is something to hope, and work, and fight for.

I had a letter from Jack last night. His entire class at Maxwell got a 24 day pass tonight when they finished C-F! How nice that is!

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I'm almost willing to bet ^{\$100} that I won't
get a total of 24 days off in the
next year. And if I do, most of
my time will be "used up" in
traveling. What a life!

The weather here is quite cool
now - really chilly in the morning.

Tomorrow I am going in to
Santa Ana - per usual. It may
be my last pass for two months
- most summer - schools notice
closes to the post while there
are training. Yes, what a life!

O.K. yes, I had some pictures
taken for you and Jeanne. I
the package Monday and I'll have
your print sent as soon as
possible - in ^{about} three weeks, I think
and that's the news -

Love to all,
Dave

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BOSTON, MASS.

E. OBER PRIDE
EDWARD H. OBER

August 28, 1943.

Mr. Jay R. Benton
Benton Cottage
Guild Hall, Vermont

Dear Jay:

I received your note this morning and will be very glad to see you on Friday, September 10th, as far as I can determine now. I would suggest, however, that you give me a call when you return from your vacation.

Hope you are having a very enjoyable time.

Yours very truly,

Ober
P.

P/

The Northumberland Post Office
has been moved from Lester Fogg's
building to Charles Landry's. Mr.

Laundry, who is the new postmaster,
will move his store to his own build-
ing, this week.

Friday, September 10th 1943

Woke up at 5.45 - entirely refreshed
so read until the "Herald" came at 6.30
the works. Breakfast - orange juice - oat
meal - dropped eggs on toast - iced
Coffee. \$1 to Nicholas. \$3.00 in the cache for the
Laundry. Frances returned today to Boston
Red Cross. Rode to Harvard Square with
her. At Kemp's Bought boxes of Leamont
Brittle to send to David and Peter, Sulway
Office. At 10 over to the State Street Trust
Co. Vaults. Met Bought, Treasurer of the
Waverley Cooperative Bank and State
Bank of summer Mulloney, at the Annual
State examination. On the way back had
a short talk with Pliny Jewell of
Collins & Burr. Office, came over to
C.P.A. to go over data so he can make out
my Sept. 15th Income Tax Declaration.
Jack Eaton dropped in to see me - he
has been in Kentucky a year and a
half working for the National Fire-
works Co. Out to lunch at 12.30 with
Everett Lane to the "Country Club" in
the Little Building. Had Braised Breast
of Lamb - Peas - Iced Coffee - Banana.

to Mosher's Key's looking for
Piano Rols from "Oklahoma" but
none to be had - nor Scotch Tape
at 2 Woolworth Stores, nor pretzels
at Cobb, Bates & Yerxa. To the Boston
Safe Vault as Hill Estate - 18 St of
Boston Corporation Office - wrote
Peter - sent him \$5.00 also wrote David
and Mary. Came W. L. Wadsworth
to discuss same office employees
soliciting in the 3rd War Loan
Campaign. Left at 4.10 to head
of Franklin at Washington -
stood in the crush to watch
the Hollywood Stars and the Troops
go by in the Bond Parade.

Sunday. Cars all the way home.
Front Porch - Girls out - Frances
Cooking - Tom Collins - Baked
Stuffed Lobsters - French Fried
Potatoes. Lettuce Salad - Russian
Dressing - Toast. Orange Jelly.
Milk

Nicholas took Donald Fahey into the
Boston Garden to see the Hollywood
Movie Stars Bond Rally show -



Hollywood Stars Add Zip to War Bond Drive

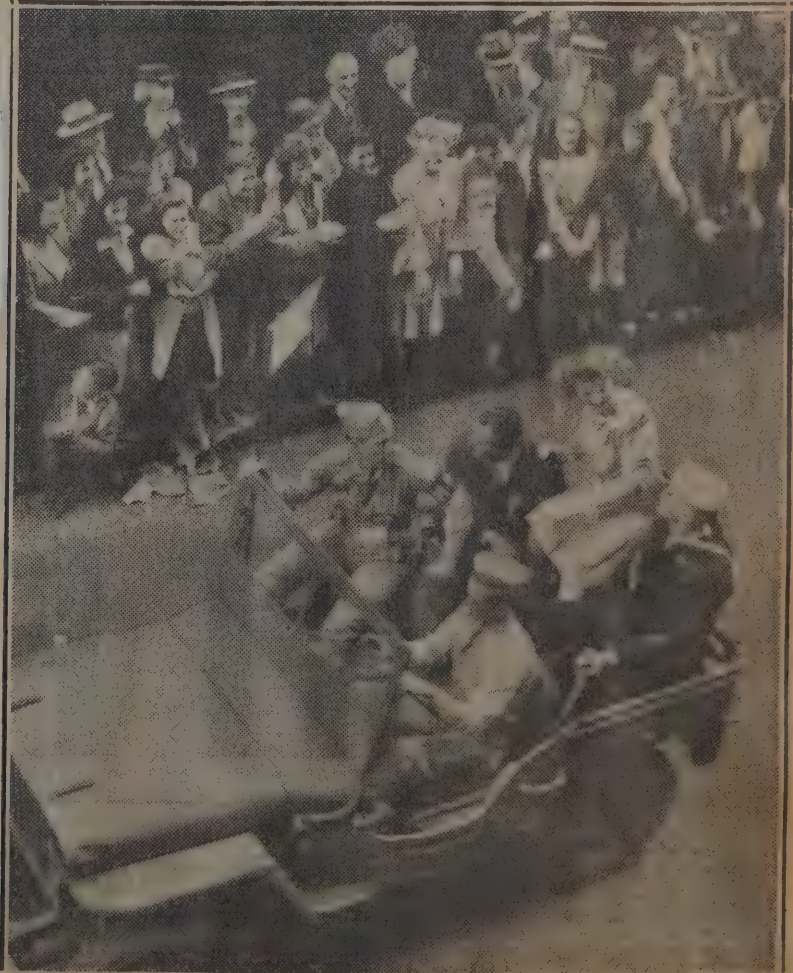
Pictured as they arrived at Union Station, Washington, on Sept. 8 in their special patriotic caravan are: Front, left to right, Ruthie Brady, Margaret Stewart, Doris Merrick, Rosemary LaPlanche, Dorothy Merritt, Muriel Goodspeed, Back, left to right, Harpo Marx, Fred Astaire, Lucille Ball, Betty Hutton, Mickey Rooney, Judy Garland, Jimmy Cagney, Greer Garson, Kay Kyser, and Kathryn Grayson.



STARS FOR THE MARINES—James Cagney (in first jeep) and Lucille Ball, the Hollywood Bond Cavalcade stars escorted by the Marine Corps in yesterday's parade, passing along Washington street at the head of a Marine and Navy contingent.



YOUNGSTERS BESIEGE THEIR IDOL, JUDY GARLAND, ON WASHINGTON ST.



GREER GARSON GOES BY

The actress whose performance in "Mrs. Miniver" won her the Oscar, rides along School street in war bond cavalcade.

9/10/43



MICKEY ROONEY ON PARADE

The screen's irrepressible adolescent, wears his famous grin as he rides down School street.



AFTER THE PARADE—Part of the crowd which watched yesterday's parade surging intersection at Washington and Summer streets just after the end of the procession that point.

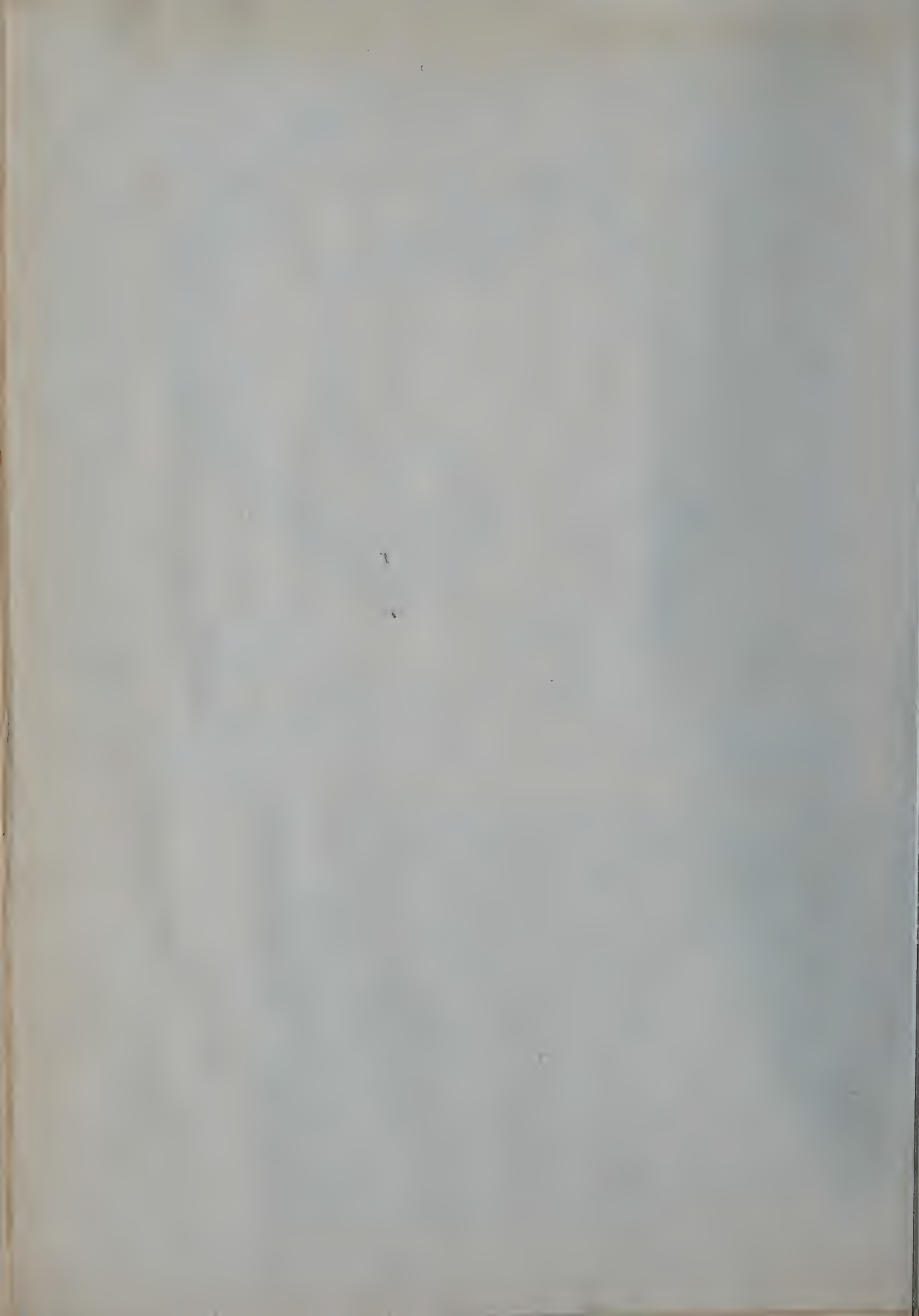
Boston Opens Heart and Pocketbook



By a Staff Photographer

Stars of Filmdom in Grand Finale at Boston Garden War Bond Show

To the tune of more than \$200,000,000 contributed in the Third War Loan, and to the strains of Kay Kyser's famous dance band, about 25 movie stars and starlets entertained a capacity crowd of more than 20,000 last night. Each individual act brought cheers from the audience, and the show wound up with a lineup of all the stars, followed by display of national colors and the singing of the Star-Spangled Banner.



MORE RED TAPE.

OPA Form R-570
8-1-43
Form Approved
Budget Bureau No. 06-8427

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION

APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF
BASIC MILEAGE RATION

"A" or "D" Book

PART A

(See Instructions on other side)

1. Was the enclosed back cover taken from the basic ration book issued for the vehicle described on this application? YES ☒ NO ☐
2. Is this vehicle in use and operating under currently valid license plates? YES ☒ NO ☐

Applicant must sign this Part A and must fill in all spaces in heavy border on both parts A and B.

CERTIFY that all statements and answers made in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature John J. Doe
Date July 1, 1943

BOARD ACTION

Serial Number of
Ration Book Issued

Issued By _____ Date _____

PART B

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION
TIRE INSPECTION RECORD

Board certifies below that serial numbers shown are same as those registered with it.

Board Number _____

(COUNTY) _____ (STATE) _____
by _____ Date _____

- book holder, inspection every 6 months.
book holder, inspection every 4 months.
book holder, inspection every 3 months.

IDENTIFICATION OF VEHICLE	SERIAL NUMBERS OF TIRES LAST INSPECTED
VEHICLE LICENSE No.: <u>123456</u>	<u>AD 473186</u>
STATE OF REGISTRATION: <u>Md.</u>	<u>AD 466713</u>
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MAKE: <u>Ford</u>	<u>AD 451862</u>
BODY TYPE: <u>Sedan</u>	<u>AD 472709</u>

Be sure to enter in the lower left-hand box on Part B the name and address to which the new Ration Book and Tire Inspection Record are to be sent.

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BODY TYPE: <u>Sedan</u>	<u>AD 472709</u>

Inspector will not sign until required repair has been done.

NAME OF REGISTERED OWNER: (PRINT OR TYPE) <u>John J. Doe</u>
COMPLETE ADDRESS OF REGISTERED OWNER: <u>431 Vine Street</u> <u>Anytown, Maryland</u>
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	NUMBER COUNTY STATE

RETURN TO:

Name John J. Doe

No. and Street 431 Vine Street

City and State Anytown, Maryland

DATES: _____ INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: _____

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AL FORM FOR BASIC A GASOLINE RATIONS which motorists will fill out before Nov. 22. Local boards will application forms (similar to above) which can be filled out in less than a minute. The applicant must attach cover of his present A book properly signed and his current tire inspection record slip.

ROSE V. DURIVAGE

Saturday 7/11

Winthrop, Massachusetts

My dear Mr. Binton

Thank you a lot for your very kind and sympathetic note regarding the little mishap to my foot a week ago. It is improving so I am able to go down stairs to meals and use it somewhat. I think I could use it more but the Dr. has cautioned me not to stand on it too freely for a couple of weeks. No doubt it will be so I can walk on it by a week from next Monday and I hope to get to the office again.

I wish to express my appreciation for your kindness in letting me not to hurry back until the sprain is fully healed.

Yours again

Very sincerely Rose V. Durivage

Saturday, September 11th 1943

Woke up at 6.30. Frances came down for a struggle - "Herald" at 7.30. Jane brought up my breakfast at 8.15 - Orange juice - Wheatena - Filet of Sole - Worcester Shire - Toast - Weak Coffee. Unpacked my trunk from Guildhall and did misc. things, until 11, when I had a shave and dressed - walked over and called on Mother at 11, Oak Avenue, there to 12.15 - to Rushing Square - looked for Scotch Tape. No Luck. Bought a dozen hard rolls - Chesterfields - 'Post' and 'Globe' Back To the House - Porch. Cold Beer. Lunch at 1.30 Some kind of soup, with too much pepper in it. Macaroni & cheese. Roll. Tomato, Onion & Lettuce Salad. Milk. Sliced Peaches - John went to Swampscott again for the Nth time. Up stairs at 2 to rest. On the go again at 4.30 With Frances down to McHugh's - & to Curtis Drug Store for the evening papers. Then to the Rogers and sat out in their yard for an hour. Home at 6.30 Dinner. Cold Roast Chicken. Boiled Rice. Diced Carrots from Mae Hayes. Lettuce Salad. Roll. Milk Baked Apple. Nicholas out again tonight.

Sunday, September 12th 1943 X

Woke up at 10 minutes of six —
A Brisk cool morning. 48° Read the
"Herald" — Frances down for a snuggle
to 8.30 — The Woks. Fane Brought up my
breakfast — Orange juice — Corn flakes.
Broiled Mackerel. Fried Potatoes — Sliced
Cucumbers — Roll — Iced Coffee — Quick
review of the other Boston Papers —
stirring around at 9.20. Odd jobs.

Down stairs at 12 — at 1 came Pat &
Louise, and we sat out on the West
lawn — nice and warm. Dinner at 2.30
Roast Beef — Roast Potatoes. Gravy, Cauliflower
Hollandaise — Figs, F. Milk. Cantaloupe
balls — Then went down to Swampscott,
Rested first part of afternoon.

For an hour drafted a letter to
Mary, David and Peter. X Late week
supper after a hot Tub Bath —
Cold Roast Beef Sandwich — Milk.
Stewed prunes.



FRANCES LOUISE NICHOLAS



SUNDAY, SEPT. 12, 1943

Hitler "Welcomes" Mussolini



"I See You Got Here"

Both hands outstretched, Mussolini descends from his plane, while Adolf puts out one hand and says, "Well, we meet again" —or something like that.

(Acme)

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"Guess You'll Have to Stay"

Benito says, "It's swell being safe again, Adolf, old pal." But Adolf seems a little sour on the idea.

(International)

When the plane bearing Mussolini on his spectacular escape from Rome swooped down on a German airfield, Hitler was waiting to welcome his unfortunate pal. So were the cameras of the German Propaganda Bureau. A newsreel was made of the scene and distributed throughout Axis Europe where it would do the Germans the most good. These pictures from the film were "smuggled" here through neutral Portugal.

Hitler has no sympathy for his sick and discredited partner, but thinks he can still use him as a puppet. Besides Der Fuehrer may feel that dictators must hang together or . . .

Sunday Afternoon, September 12th, 1913

Dear

I was just going to say, when I was interrupted: let me see, it must have been a week and a half ago that I trod the high road down to Earl's, sat myself at the typewriter, and, tap by tap, tried to send you what we had done day by day at Guildhall. It is astonishing how many people there are in cities and towns who have a secret longing to get back into quiet country places, to look upon purple mountains and a quiet flowing river. I must confess that I have now for nearly fifty years and I rather imagine you have and that the desire has been accentuated by your enforced absence this particular year. Let us hope that next summer we will all be reunited beneath the shadows of Cape Horn.

Previously you have been told what happened up to Thursday, August 26th. That afternoon we rode down to Whitefield again with Gladys -- she having sent her uppers down to the dentist by special delivery in the morning -- after she had then clamped in just as comfortable as ever, we took a ride out to the top of Kimball's Hill about 3 miles southwest of Whitefield a magnificent view, never had been there before. Back by the other side of Prospect Mountain, by "Cass" White's Log Cabin. In the evening we had a picnic in Earl's Garden.

Friday, cool at last -- 42° at 7. Somebody swiped our clothes reel but we got it back. Rode over to St. Johnsbury in the afternoon with Mae Hayes -- had trouble locating fish, finally secured some mackerel at the Super A. & P. Picked a bunch of Black-eyed Susans in Kirby and a bunch of red autumn leaves (you already have one). Wild Blackberries for supper from



"What'll I Do With Him?"

Hitler forgets to look delighted for the camera and even overlooks the Fascist salute. (Globe-AP)



"Come, Meet the Boys"

Past a ragged and informal line of Nazis, Hitler takes his former inspiration by the elbow and walks to a waiting car—Benny to go . . . where?

(Acme)

Leana Hodge.

Saturday, August 28th -- The carpenter from Lancaster came and put the new asbestos shingles on the roof of the southwest porch, a pane of glass in the sleeping porch, new screening upstairs over the front door, and pieces of fir flooring in the porch. In the afternoon Karl and Nicholas cleaned the piles and piles of magazines out of the Chauffeur's Room and the Upper Back Hall and lugged them to the "Bulldhall" and stored them in the attic of what used to be old Doctor Boyce's office.

Sunday, August 29th -- 39th at 7. To church at 9:30 -- at 10:30 the dedication of the service flag on the Common. You have already received the newspapers telling about it. Afterwards quite a crowd gathered on the porch -- the John Hedges and a veritable swarm of their progeny, also Frank Mahan and Mrs. "Tucker" Richardson, who came down to get some gabardine trucks to send to her son in Sicily. Had a light lunch -- Green Turtle Soup with Sherry from Pierock. We waited patiently until 3:30 for a real Party to start. It did! Along came a Hay Rack filled with my. Steve dressed up as the driver -- twelve or more aboard -- we rode around the Common five times and then down the Main Road to Karl's. Upon our arrival, Karl came hobbling out the Barn Door -- a gaunt white mask, a long white night gown, yellow 'em feet -- he was immediately dubbed "The Ghost of Pine Tree Swamp". Merriment -- a bounteous picnic in the garden -- so much food the tables actually groaned. We pitched horseshoes and played badminton and as it grew dark dedicated the Rose Arch -- the ceremony of which consisted mostly of "Jano, give a short blast on the Trumpet". I will be sending you some prints of the hayride presently. In hand were Frances, Jay, and Nicholas, Karl, Mae, and Jane, John, Winifred, and Marion Hodge, Earle and Glenn Stevens, and Versa Wentworth, Bob's wife. In the early watches of the night the mouse appeared for the first time.

Monday, August 30th -- Fire at the Mill today. Whistle blowing great lasts at 1 P.M. Looked bad for a while but all out in a half hour. Took movies. For dinner a large lake trout caught by Carlos Hodge at Maidstone Lake.

Tuesday, August 31st -- Caught the mouse last night. To Lancaster shopping and bought a wedding present for the daughter of the Arthur Henderson's. Cleared the books out of the Chauffeur's Room this afternoon and put them in bookcases.

Well, I find that I have already told you most of the foregoing story but perhaps in a different way -- perhaps you can stand a second reading.

Wednesday, September 1st -- Nothing much happened -- usual 3 meals, to Lancaster, and Nicholas to the movies. Thursday, September 2nd -- In the night, thunderstorms all around but not too close. The Bentons and the Hayes over to Gladys' across the Bridge at 1 for a Chicken Pie Dinner -- after supper I cleaned out the two pantries -- quite a housecleaning summer but then somebody has to do it. Friday, September 3rd -- John Hodge cleaned out the gutters today. Your Mother and I took a walk down the road in the twilight to look at Peaslee's Figs. The meadow was flooded today after the heavy rains and the river was thick with running pulp. Saturday, September 4th -- Shad Roe and Bacon for breakfast -- in the afternoon drove up to Maidstone to an auction at the Judge Howe farm, climbed the hay mows to the top of the barn to take movies.

Sunday, September 5th -- to church at 9:30. Drove down to the Lancaster Fair Grounds with Karl and Gladys and hung a delapidated wreath on the Main Gate. For our friends -- the Hayes, the Hedges, the Stevens, and Gladys. The men went out

to Dinner

RAINBOW IN THE SKY

SEPT. 8, 1943



and measured a space on the Common for the prospective enclosure for a "Giraffe".

Monday, September 6th -- Rained buckets all night. Nicholas dug potatoes today at one of Peaslee's Farms. At 4 down to Sinclair Weeks (took Earl with me) met up with Wendell Willkie -- 1 1/2 there and we discussed matters for an hour and a half. Back to Guildhall, and late in the evening, carted away a load of rubbish, etc., from the cottage in John Hodge's truck.

Tuesday, September 7th was the day of our return -- much packing and excitement all day -- and in the middle of the afternoon, a tropical downpour -- black as night -- what rain -- what thunder and lightning. The Hayes and the Foggs went down to see us off on the "Mountaineer" from Whitefield. John met us with the car at the North Station -- to bed, one and all at midnight, dead tired.

Wednesday, September 8th -- Back to the office again for me. Your Mother had an upset stomach and was quite sick this day and the next -- nervous exhaustion, I guess. A busy day with all kinds of work and a hair cut and shampoo sandwiched in. Italy quit today -- a beautiful rainbow in the east after dinner. Thursday, September 9th - Nicholas came in at noon, took him to lunch, and arranged for clothes for him for Easter. Friday, September 10th - Your Mother resumed her work at Boston Red Cross. Saw the Hollywood Movie Stars in the 3rd War Loan Parade at 4:15. Naked Stuffed Lobsters for dinner.

Saturday, September 11th -- Unpacked the trunks from Guildhall -- called on my Mother at Oak Avenue, went to Cushing Square shopping. Late in the afternoon over to the Rogers and sat in their back yard. Today, Sunday, September 12th -- A brisk cool day, the first I can remember since the middle of June. The usual Sunday morning routine -- at 1 came Pat and Louise and we sat out on the West lawn -- it was delightful -- for dinner. A good roast beef, mashed potato and gravy, after which I came upstairs and for an hour have been drafting this letter to you.

Glancing back over what I have written, it seems a pretty short series of reminiscences for a single summer -- they are short but the summer -- that part we were able to be in Guildhall, was short -- but each pleasant episode strung together made a chain of pleasant memories -- the more important of which I have tried to pass on to you, all as an assurance that all those beds, the porch, the meadow, the swallows, the white butterflies will be ready for you next summer.

to where Sam. dyt.

SEPT. 12, 1943

Dear Mom + Dad —

I spent my usual evening in Santa Ana last night with the boys.

We are definitely shipping some-
thing this coming week. Exact time
or destination are still unknown
tho'. I hope keeps those things covered
up much better here than in Nashville.
I'll send you an air mail letter
just as soon as I get to the
new post tho' so you will have
my new address in just a
few days.

I'm glad to hear that Pete is
getting along well. I felt that he
would probably grow to like the
marine life. I hope teach their enlisted
men to think of themselves as
the toughest men on earth — and
you know how ~~that~~ Gus does
go for that kind of stuff.

I'm not looking forward very much to
this six weeks at gunnery school (expect
that's where we'll go next). I didn't do
too much for the gunnery work we
have here even tho' I did O.K. in it.
Well, it will be fun firing at the
sleeve targets from a plane -
and I will win my first pair
of wings. That will make up some
for the six weeks without a
and shall ground work.

But then, maybe we'll go to do
Bomber training. That would really
swell - a commission in twelve
weeks and, probably, a promotion
shortly thereafter! A wonderful job
but a little too good to be
I'm afraid.

And now I'm off to my last
Sunday parade - can't say that
sorry about that! Love to
Dad



UNITED STATES MARINES

Sunday
SEPT. 12, 1943

Dear John,

Well it won't be long now before I'm home in uniform. We are about to enter our last week of rifle training up here at the range. Time has really gone fast up here and day by day I seem to get better and better with the M1. It's a beautiful rifle and very easy to clean and operate. We get a week of mess duty after we leave here and it ought to be fun. We will spend our last week at the dentists and getting our uniforms and last two shots. I'm so full of shots that I couldn't be inoculated against many more

diseases. I expect to go to school
somewhere but I don't know for 3
weeks. Went to seven o'clock
mass and communion. Today I
am trying to catch up on my
letter writing. I owe so many that
I just can't seem to answer them
all. I suppose football is well un-
der way in all the schools. We'll
have to take in a couple of games
while I'm home. Only four more
weeks here. We shoot for record on
Friday. Pray that I do well be-
cause it counts a lot in the Mar-
ine Corps. I seem to do well
especially at 500 yards. So far
I have 19 out of 20 possible bulls
eyes. We fire at seven o'clock
(AM) from now on because we are the
advanced platoon up here. Bob
White is going to be sworn in

on the fourteenth. John, please get
the marnie insignia for my uni-
form. You see, we cant get it here.
If you cant find any dont bother
but try because I am going to wear
my green uniform when I do get
home. Heard from Mary today.
It was actually cool here this
morning and I had to wear my
sweat shirt. I hope B & N has a
ball game when I get home because
you and I can watch together. I
will practice with them every
afternoon when I get home. Gee
I wish I could be Captain of the
team once more. I was elected
and here I am on another team.
Well, old man, try and get that
stuff for me.

Love,
Peter

Mon. P.M.

SEPT. 13, 1943

Dear Mom + Dad,

We spent most of today working
around preparing for our departure
tomorrow afternoon.

I sure hope our next camp is
as nice as this one - but I
rather expect that it won't be.
This is probably the best spot in
the army as far as living conditions
etc.

Go. Also, the boys who have been
to the desert grammar schools
say that they are pretty bad.
Maybe not tho' - I'll let you know
all about it as soon as I get
there.

There is not much to tell. I still
have to pack and do a million
other things before tomorrow. Just
wanted to let you know that I
was leaving S.A. once and for all
love
Dave

September 13, 1943

Mr. Neal W. Beattie
R. F. D. #2
Lancaster, New Hampshire

Dear Neal:

As promised, I am sending you here-
with a 1906 photograph of myself to go in the
Benton Lodge Album.

Sincerely yours,

Jay P. Benton

JRB:ECC
Enclosure

WAVERLEY CO-OPERATIVE BANK

Belmont, Mass., Sept. 7, 1943.

Dear Sir:

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at the Bank on Monday evening,
September 13th.

at 8 p. m.

It is hoped that you will be able to be present.

Respectfully yours,

WALTER E. BORIGHT,

Treasurer.

Temperatures Below Freezing as Winter Gives Preview

The first day of Winter, 1943, by the thermometer, arrived in New England today and it was indicated that temperatures below the freezing point, in many inland regions, had done some damage to gardens.

The official minimum in Boston was 46 degrees, the lowest for Sept. 13, in 32 years. It was 45 above, back in 1911.

Another official reading, at Pittsfield in the Berkshires, was 31. An unofficial reading at South Sudbury was also 31, and there was a report from Medfield of a thermometer which registered 28.

In Greater Boston communities the marks were generally in the upper 30s. Some reports: Concord, 36; Waban, 39; Newton Center, 42; Milton, 38; Wellesley, 38; Marblehead, 38.

At Putnam, Conn., according to the Boston Weather Bureau, it was 34. Bangor and Portland, Me., each had 37.

The Boston Weather Bureau agreed that the cold was "unseasonable," but added, "most of our weather is."

People shivered when they rolled out of bed this morning. It was the first shiver of the season, a sad foretaste of weather to come. In some cases the steam was turned on in the commuters' trains.

Forecast for the day was continued cool, with rain indicated for late tonight.



The Congregational Church in Lancaster

REV. KENNETH C. BUNKER, Minister

60 BUNKER HILL ROAD
LANCASTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Sept. 13, 1943

Dear Mr. Benton:

As you can well imagine, I did not know what to make of it at first, but that was only at first. As soon as I caught on I began to enjoy it, and ended by being a "river to river" reader.

Thanks very much for the "Annual" and the interest that prompted your sending it.

It was a pleasure to meet you and come to know you as much as I could. I look forward to further meetings.

With best wishes to you
and yours

Very sincerely,
Kenneth C. Bunker



Sgt. 139

SALERNO.

Cold Today.

Monday, September 13th 1943

Up at the regular time - For breakfast
Orange juice - Raisins - Creamed Chicken
on toast - Iced Coffee. To the Square with Frances.
Left my silver watch at Surphair's to be
looked over re repairing - Work all morning -
out to lunch at 12.15 with Everett Lane. Left photo-
stat. at Spalding-Moss. Films at Thoyd's to be enlarged
for Peter's Photo-Book. - to Steuben's - Stuffed Breast of
Veal - Peas. Succotash - Roll Iced Coffee - Banana. To
Jordan's to get pictures and 2 fountain pens. To
Woolworth's for Band-Aids for Peter and tube of Cement.
to Hunter's for 2 Bottle openers. Back to office. at 2.30
meeting of the Finance Committee. Voted to sub-
scribe for \$3,225,000. of the 3rd War Loan. Over at
3.45. Judge Teary staged another home office air
raid rehearsal. Left at 4.15 to the liquor mart to
to start purchases for a "Cellar" - Gold Coast Sherry
and Chablis. Subway. Met Frances in front
of Mrs. August's - Stopped at Griffins to turn in
empty beer bottles. Home. Porch. Iced Coffee. Rested
5.30 to 6.30. Dinner. Oyster on the Half Shell. Cold Roast
Beef. French Fried Potatoes Turnip. Stuffed Tomatoes.
Lettuce Salad. Bread. Milk - Custard - Sliced Peaches.
Rested 6.45 to 7.45. John drove me down to Washington
Cooperating Bank. Directors' Meeting. Home at 9.15
Victrolas in to opening night of the United Nations

—Nicholas Benton of 3 Pequos-
sette rd returned on Tuesday to
Phillips Exeter Academy for his
third year.

Tuesday, September 14th 1943

Nicholas was away early at 7.30 for
the North Station to get the 8.30 train to
Exeter and return to school. Sam. Alcock
Came at 8.40 and I showed him about
repairing the Rose Arch and putting storm
windows on the Sun Room. For Breakfast -
Orange juice - Oatmeal. Broiled Mackerel
and scrambled eggs. Toast. Iced Coffee -
to the Square with Frances. to Kemp's to buy
a Box of Molasses Peanut Pops to send Peter -
Got off at Park St. Walked to the Office. at
10.35 Came the Boston Air Raid Test. Mailed
Guildhall Photos to Karl, Gladys, John Hodge,
Marion Hodge, Steve, and D. M. White, publisher
of the Coos County Democrat. Over to the
First National Bank to get out \$395,000
U.S. Certs of Indebtedness. to the Knackers
Club. Present were Tom White, Joe Cotton,
Charlie Barnes. Had Fried Scallops of Haddock,
Sliced Tomatoes, Roll, Iced Coffee. Banana.
To Jordans to leave films for enlargement
and printing. Back to the office - Real
Estate Committee Meeting. Left at
4.45 - Subway to Arlington St. to
the Movies at the Teleplex in the Park



Merrill and Langdell Halls (1931)

NICHOLAS
ROOMS AT 8 LANGDELL HALL
THIS YEAR.



September 14, 1943

Dear Mother & Daddy.

Just received Daddy's letter saying you are in Belmont again. Sorry to hear Mother had a little upset. I hope she is all well again.

I am enclosing today's L.A. Times article on the Bacon boy's death. Los Angeles & Hollywood are terrible places. Not a day goes by but what you read of crimes as gory and hapazard as this.

I am also enclosing a page of pictures from last Friday's Times, showing the 3rd War Loan parade. Bob will see Oby's M-7 in the upper left hand corner. They went to L.A. for this parade. Not the movies as we first

thought. In any event, they had a big outing + met all the stars + starlets at the Hollywood Canteen. Incidentally, that is a 105 mm. gun - not a 75 mm. Guess they were trying to fool the enemy. A Btry. has six M-75 and they cost a half million each.

We had a nice weekend. We went to the Ranch House for dinner on Saturday night with the Mortensen + Tony Pritchard + his girl.

Next week we are going to Santa Barbara on Tuesday, returning Thursday. The battalion is going down for the three days to get a little rest and to do some swimming. We are all going to stay at the Miramar and there will be quite a group of us: Mortensens, Browns, Stocks, Bills, + Johnstons.

This is a quiet week so things are fairly quiet. However - the weekend will be fun as there is now an Officers' guest House at Camp & we can stay there.

I am painting our shower this week. Heretofore, it has been a dark cogna-green shade, and I am painting it white as it is so dark in there.

We sent a picture of the 212th officers to Jim's family. I expect they will show it to you.

Had a letter from Dave a few days ago. Says he got a 96+ + was highest in the squadron - pretty wonderful.

Grandma sent us a big box of Scandia cookies - also a box with spiced peaches, onion soup, cheese crackers, fruit cake, candied orange

chies, mint almonds & Vermont maple
sugar. All goodies and we are
enjoying them no end. It looks
especially good to me to see an
"Overland" label on my food shelf
again.

That's all I know for this time.
It is cloudy still this morning, but
I have a wash to do all the same.

Much love to all,

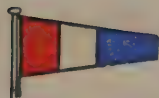
Mary



Fighting Might



MOBILE GUN—Ugly is the word for this self-propelled
← artillery piece which has deadly accuracy and power of a 75-mm. gun and machine-gun turret on side.



Reminder to Passengers

THE RED SHIELD GLIDER

TAKES OFF

at the **PREFLIGHT DINNER**

6:15 P. M.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1943

FROM THE HANGAR AT THE

UNIVERSITY CLUB

TRINITY PLACE, BOSTON

**ON THE INITIAL FLIGHT TO OBTAIN \$310,000 FOR
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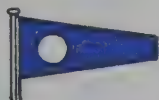
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August 31, 1943

Dear Mr. Benton:

You have been advised that a reservation has been made for you for the initial flight of The Red Shield Glider to make the take-off on The Salvation Army's Greater Boston Annual Appeal for \$310,000.

An unusual Tuesday evening, September 14, 1943, will be in store for you in the Hangar at the University Club, Trinity Place, Boston, Massachusetts.

Pre-flight training (dinner) starts at 6:15 P.M.

All branches of the U. S. Armed forces, governmental officials, high officers of The Salvation Army, business leaders and lay leaders will join to take the control stick of the glider and attack the problem together.

Prior to our flight, Allan Forbes, President, State Street Trust Company, Boston Campaign Treasurer for over twenty-two years will be made a member of The Salvation Army's Distinguished Auxiliary Service Order and presented the Auxiliary Medal by Commissioner Ernest I. Pugmire, Eastern Territorial Commander, on behalf and by authorization of General George L. Carpenter, International Leader of The Salvation Army.

Our ration problem makes it necessary that we check your reservation at once. May we have your confirmation on the enclosed postal card?

Very truly yours,


John E. Wilson

"RED SHIELD"

Glider Schedule

NORTH BOUND



At Glider Lounge Control Center
Greetings to Distinguished Guests

EAST BOUND



In the Hangar — Selections by The Salvation Army "Pre-Flight" Band

Pre-Flight-Instruction — John E. Wilson, Chief Pilot

On Wings and a Prayer — Chaplain Ragnar Kjeldahl, U. S. N. R.

THE GLIDER DINNER

Major Clifford Brindley, Soloist

THE FLIGHT DECK PASSENGERS ARE REVIEWED

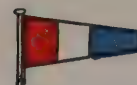
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Honorable Maurice J. Tobin, Mayor of Boston

J. Willard Hayden, President, Charles Hayden Foundation

MODEL GLIDER AWARDS TO BOYS OF SOUTH END BOYS' CLUB

SOUTH BOUND



Colonel Richard F. Stretton, *Provincial Commander*

COMMISSIONER ERNEST I. PUGMIRE,
Eastern Territorial Commander

PRESENTATION

of

THE DISTINGUISHED AUXILIARY SERVICE CROSS
OF THE SALVATION ARMY
to MR. ALLAN FORBES

WEST BOUND



CHIEF PILOT WILSON CHARTS THE COURSE TO

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THE TAKE-OFF SIGNAL FROM

Mrs. Charles B. Barnes
Chairman Women's Sponsoring Committee

Arthur G. Curren, *Chairman,*
Industry and Finance Division

Representatives of the Armed Forces

The Take-Off!



(Left) Governor Leverett Saltonstall addressing the crowd gathered for The Salvation Army's financial campaign "take-off" in Boston, Mass. To his left are shown (left to right) J. Willard Hayden, Commissioner Ernest I. Pugmire and John E. Wilson, general chairman. (Right) Boston's Mayor Maurice J. Tobin speaking at the same function. To his right are shown Mr. Wilson, Allan Forbes, Colonel Richard F. Stretton and William A. Nicol.



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of
THE SALVATION ARMY

1943 — GREATER BOSTON ANNUAL APPEAL — 1944

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BOSTON BANKER HONORED for aid to Salvation Army—Allan Forbes, right, president of the State Street Trust, receiving the distinguished auxiliary service cross of the Salvation Army from Ernest I. Pugmire of New York, eastern territorial commander, at the University Club last night.

Sallies Give Forbes Medal

*Banker Is Honored
As Fund Drive Opens*

Allan Forbes, president of the State Street Trust company and a member of the Greater Boston advisory board of the Salvation Army, last night was honored by the organization at its "take-off" meeting for a maintenance fund appeal at the University Club.

The Salvation Army seeks a minimum of \$310,000 for its 1943-1944 activities in Greater Boston. The campaign for these funds will continue through September and October.

Forbes was presented the distinguished auxiliary service order medal in recognition of 25 years' service to the Salvation Army. He is the second Bostonian to be so honored recently. The first was J. Willard Hayden, president of the Charles Hayden Foundation.

More than 600 men and women interested in the work of the Salvation Army attended last night's meeting. Hayden also was present and he gave a \$25 war bond to Anton Homsey and \$10 in war stamps to Robert Pimental for their work in glider construction. Both are members of the South End Boys' Club.

Square Building. To the University Club
To the Opening Dinner of the Salvation Army
Campaign. Sat with Andrew Seiler and
Halsted of the South End Boys Club.
Over at 9. and home at 9.45 - all the way
on the cars +

Big Storm Veers Away From Hub

Boston is no longer in danger from a severe storm, as was predicted earlier today, according to a statement made at noon by G. H. Noyes, Weather Bureau meteorologist.

Storm warnings were flown this morning all along the coast from Block Island to Portland, Maine, and predictions were that a 60-mile gale would produce a 12-foot flood-tide. Mr. Noyes stated, however, that the most intense part of the storm here occurred between 9:30 and 10 a. m. and that the center of the disturbance has veered off to the northeast, away from Boston.

Wednesday, September 15th 194
Heavy rain early this morn
Frances came down for a
pungge - Slept late to 8. For
breakfast - Orange juice - Ralston

Dropped egg on corn beef hash. Catsup - Toast
Iced Coffee. to the Square with Frances.
Sulway to Town Office. Out at 12.15 - Paid
the Federal Income Tax installment today.
Wow! to Laffer's - Breaded Veal Cutlet. Spinach
Roll - Iced Coffee. Candeloupe. to Woolworth's
for a Bottle of Emergine. Office. Directors'
meeting at 1.45. Finance Committee at
2.45 - Left at 4. More goods for the
"cellar" - Dry Sherry and Rhine Wine - Sulway
to the Square. At Sage's a loaf of French Bread
and some Rolls. Met Frances in front of Mrs.
August's - Home. Porch. Tom Collins.
Did a half hour's work getting ready to
fest - Dinner. Fish Balls. And Vegetables just
down from the Hayes' Garden at Guildhall.
Cauliflower Hollandaise, Carrots, Beets.
Pole Beans, Corn on the Cob, Condiments,
Roll. St. Tolusary Crackers, Milk,
Blueberries. Upstairs at 7.10

Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company

HOME OFFICE
160 CONGRESS STREET
BOSTON, MASS.

September 10, 1943.

Mr. Jay R. Benton, President,
Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company,
160 Congress Street,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors
of the Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company will be held at the
office of the Company, 160 Congress Street, Boston, on

Wednesday, September 15, 1943 at 1:45 P. M.

Very truly yours,

Jay R. Benton

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Wed. P.M.

Sept. 15, 1943

Dear Mom + Dad -

Here we are - at flexible gunnery school - and it is AWFUL! Thirty degrees hotter than Hades - terrible quarters - terrible food - etc. and inquisition. Or maybe it just seems awful when I compare it to Santa Ana. Oh well, its just a six weeks course and flying the last two gives us something to look forward to.

New Address:

A/c D - B — 11082081

Student Squadron 8 Class 43-44

AAF Flexible Gunnery School

Las Vegas, Nevada.

As usual I am short ~~on~~ on time and I still have to write to Mom. Probably tomorrow I'll have a little more of interest to report.

Love,
Dane

9/15/43

I passed exam with
flying colors —

Nick

9/15/43

Please send my ration
book No. 4 at once —

Nick



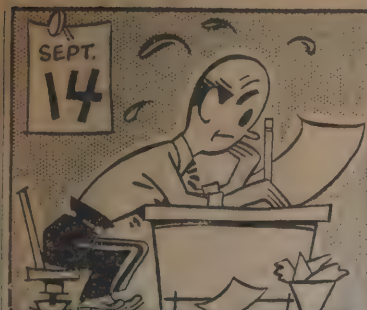
is Jay:—

7-30 P.M. just in from the garden
dark to finish gathering the ripe cucumbers
& pickles in the making, samples will be
rounded at a later date) — EXTRA —

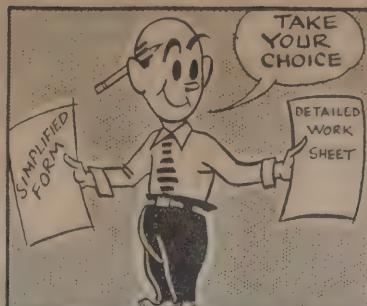
10 days with out rain. — no frost
yet — John Dodge (Sister) sees a
Black Bear on the Haughty Road — Raccoon
wood as being plenty full at Maidstone
Vt. Received the photos in the room mail,
my thanks, all are well, The constellation
Antelopandalis (Giraffe) is much larger
than the town's people expected, the back ground
country buildings, together with the Church
has a fine picture — The "Loaf of Steam"
"miller" is most life like.

Just the pkg of vegetables arrived a
quonette Red in not too bad condition.
all hall in the dovecotes, the young Eagles
got their wings, Black Otters (with first feed)
no to have kept the two tanks — Cold weather
ated — we miss the Benton's like shell
best to all — Hae!

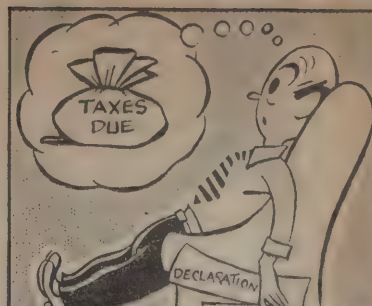
The Return Due on Sept. 15



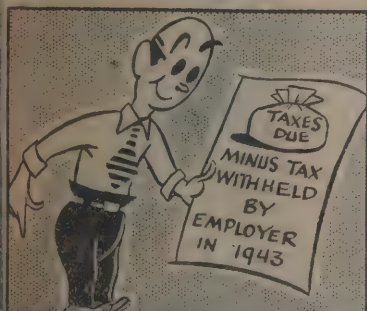
1. Learn if you have to file a return. Two-thirds of present taxpayers do not.



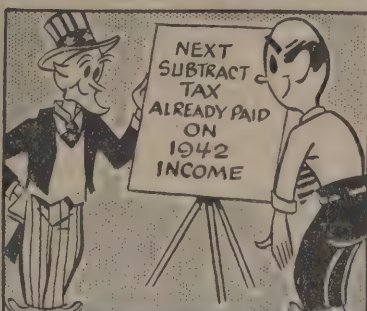
2. Using simplified or detailed work sheet, compute '43 income, deductions.



3. Mark on declaration form total victory, income taxes due this year.



4. On form subtract taxes to be withheld by employer from pay in 1943.



5. Also deduct taxes paid in March and June this year on 1942 income.



6. If there is unpaid balance, half is due September 15, half December 15.

Form 1040-ES
Treasury Department
Bureau of Internal Revenue

UNITED STATES

Declaration of Estimated Income and Victory Tax by Individuals FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1943

or fiscal year beginning _____, 1943, and ending _____, 1944

(See accompanying INSTRUCTIONS)

Estimated Income and Victory Tax for 1943		\$	(Cashier's Stamp)
NOTE.—Enter (a) the tax liability on estimated 1943 income, or (b) the amount of tax shown on the 1942 Income Tax return, WHICHEVER IS GREATER.			
Estimated Income and Victory Tax withheld during entire year			
ESTIMATED TAX after deducting estimated tax withheld (item 1 minus item 2)		\$	
Total payments to collector during 1943 for 1942 Income Tax		\$	
Unpaid balance of estimated tax (item 3 minus item 4)		\$	
Amount paid with this declaration (not less than one-half of item 5)		\$	
Social Security Number, if any			
PRINT NAME AND ADDRESS PLAINLY			
(Name) (Use given names of both husband and wife, if this is a joint declaration)			
(Street and number, or rural route)			
(City or town)			
(State)			
(OVER)			
10-35975-1			

I/we declare, under the penalties of perjury, that this declaration has been examined by me/us, and to the best of my/our knowledge and belief is a true, correct, and complete declaration, made in good faith, for the taxable year stated, pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations issued under authority thereof.

(Signature of taxpayer or agent)

(Date)

(If this is a joint declaration (not made by agent), it must be signed by both husband and wife)

WAVERLEY CO-OPERATIVE BANK

30 Church Street, Belmont, Mass.

JAMES R. LOGAN, President
JAY R. BENTON, Vice-President
WALTER E. BORIGHT, Treasurer

August 23, 1943.

Mr. Jay R. Benton
Boston Mutual Life Insurance Co.,
160 Congress St.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Benton,

The Co-operative Bank League Convention is to be held September 15th. and 16th. at the New Ocean House, Swampscott. The program as yet is tentative.

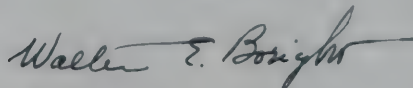
Mr. Perry and Mr. Bodfish are scheduled to address the meeting on Wednesday and on Thursday morning Roy Wenzleck, real estate analyst, will speak.

The annual dinner, for which the speaker has not been announced, will be held Wednesday at 6 P.M., dress informal.

I will be pleased to have you attend any of the sessions and if you wish me to make reservations for the dinner please advise me as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Waverley Co-operative Bank



Walter E. Boright, Treasurer

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THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIFE UNDERWRITERS

REQUESTS THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE

AT ITS

FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

TO BE HELD

SEPTEMBER FIFTEENTH TO SEPTEMBER SEVENTEENTH

NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-THREE

PITTSBURGH, PA.

PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU WILL ATTEND IN ORDER THAT A
COMPLIMENTARY REGISTRATION TICKET MAY BE SENT TO YOU





UNITED STATES MARINES

Thursday

Sept. 16, 1943

Dear Folks,

Well here I am patiently waiting to make, with the Garand. Tomorrow's the big day and pray that I do well. We just finished preliminary day today and your boy, who was never allowed to own any rifle, qualified with bells on. I'm a crack rifleman. These bullets will go through 6 men. Gee Dad, I bet this will make you proud. Yesterday I was asked with ten other men to return to P. S. as coaches on the rifle range. Well, the other men were all 15 years older than me and had been to college. On my exams here, I had done so well that I was chosen also. They also watch you fire on the range. Well, I refused because I want to go to school or fight. I would be here for 6 months or longer coaching recruits to fire the M 1 (Garand Rifle) and going to school for a month. All the other men accepted but I wouldn't like it as my job in the Corps. I am plenty proud though and I'm sure you can see why. Bob Waite and Bill Panke are both in the Marines now. If they only knew what was coming. I have only 2 more weeks of getting uniforms. Hooryay! Well that is all the news so far. I'll tell you if I qualify tomorrow. I'm awful nervous. Love, Peter



ARLINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY

Notice of Special Meeting in lieu of the Regular Meeting
of Directors

Boston, Massachusetts
September 10, 1943

To the Directors

Arlington Gas Light Company:

You are hereby notified that a Special Meeting in lieu of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Arlington Gas Light Company will be held in the Directors Room, 11th floor, 441 Stuart Street, Boston, Massachusetts, on Thursday, September 16, 1943, at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon, for the transaction of such business as may be brought before the meeting.

Ralph D. Washburn

Clerk

BOSTON, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1943

Allied Paratroops Land in New Guinea—

Associated Press From Army Air Forces

—And MacArthur Exclaims, 'Beautiful! Wonderful!'

As Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Commander in Chief of United Nations Forces in the Southwest Pacific, viewed this scene from a Flying Fortress, he exclaimed, "Beautiful! Wonderful!" It was the landing of paratroops in Markham Valley to bottle up the Japanese in the Lae-Salamaua sector of New Guinea. Two transports (circled, left) have unloaded. Others (circled, right) come in behind the smoke screen.



my first bath class now - Have
Kathleen send some toll house cookies -
please - I love food too -

Love,

Nick

P.S. Would you subscribe to
the Boston Herald for me.

in English and I have Kelly in
American History, which, by the way is
the toughest course in the school.
Here's Hoping!!

As you know by now I passed
my Latin exam - I was wondering
at first if they would accept
me because most boys had 40
to 60 hours of tutoring and I had only
13 $\frac{1}{2}$ - Am I happy - never
will I have to look at another
Latin word.

Well - We got to go to

Thursday, September 16th 1943 +
Up betimes and the works. For breakfast -
orange juice Oatmeal - fried eggs & Bacon
Toast. Iced Coffee. to the Square with Frances.
Subway to Town Office - to 10. Walked up to
Park St. Cars to Copley Square, to Directors'
Meeting of the Arlington Gas Light Co. Over in
a half hour. To S.S. Pierce's - Bought a pound
of chocolates to send to Peter. Subway Back
to Park Street. A scuffle with a coon who
was stealing part of the gong on the elevated
car. Back to the office - at 12.30 over
to the First National Vaults. Came the
Messengers of Solomon Bros & Hutzler from
New York. With them to the Second National
Bank - with \$425,000. U.S. 2s. Got the check. Back
to the First. Delivered \$1,300,000 U.S. 2s. Turned in
\$18,000 Conn. ht. & Pur. which mature on the 21st -
Back to the office - out to lunch with E. Lane.
to the Hotel Avery. Breaded Veal Cutlet. Beets. Roll.
Iced Coffee. Banana. to Jordan's but my films
not ready. Back to the office. Large Checks to
the Kenton Trust Co - the First (Tuckerman)
and the State St. Trust (Thorne) Offices -
Freddy Waterman of Fall River - P; Eta 1940

waiting to see me. Aspirant for a Tax Deputy's
job - Work. Left at 4. to the Liquor Mart -
additions to the cellar - I.V.C. Dry Sherry -
White Burgundy - Subway to the Square -
Woolworth's - 2 Boxes of Kleenex (Frances's
request) to the Brattle Square Fruit Shop -
\$1.52 of Assorted Fruits (Frances's Request)
Met her in front of Mrs. August's - Griffin
White Horse Scotch - Home. Looked like bad
thunderstorm. but they did not come -
girls out - Frances Cooking - Pan Fried
Chicken + Vermicelli - Carrots - French
Bread + Lettuce + Tomato Salad - Milk -
Orange Jelly + Blueberries - Off stairs
at 7.



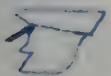
MARINE BARRACKS
PARRIS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA

Friday,

Sept. 17, 1943

Dear Johnny,

Well, crutch, I fired my last shots today and we go back to the main base tonight. We fired the M1 for record yesterday and I qualified. I got a medal today. We fired the Carbine yesterday afternoon and I qualified. We fired the Reiser sub. machine gun today and I qualified getting 290 out of a possible 300. I got another medal for that. I'm proud as I can be and not bad behind the rifles. We get a week of mess and laxonet and then we get uniforms ect. I should be home in 3 short weeks. I don't know where they'll put me but it should be good as I have already refused to be a coach on the firing line and you're supposed to have a year of college for that. I know I have a few signs of intelligence by being picked out of hundreds of guys with 10 or 15 years on me and a college education. I hope to go into aviation and I think I'll get it as they chose it for me. I'm in the groove because they record upon an individual basis and whether you qualify on the range. I did both. Please get me a green cover to my hat. Size 6 $\frac{7}{8}$.

 - that type. Love,
Peter



UNITED STATES MARINES

Friday night

Sept. 17, 1943

Dear Mom and Dad,

Well, I qualified today and I'm very proud. I get a medal tomorrow. I just got in and I've got to turn in as my head aches awful from rifle fire and too much supper. Will be seeing you in 3 weeks so get ready to see a ~~man~~ crack marksman and first class soldier. Will write a long letter tomorrow.

Love,

Butch

MARION HODGE
GUILDHALL

Friday
SEPT 17, 1943

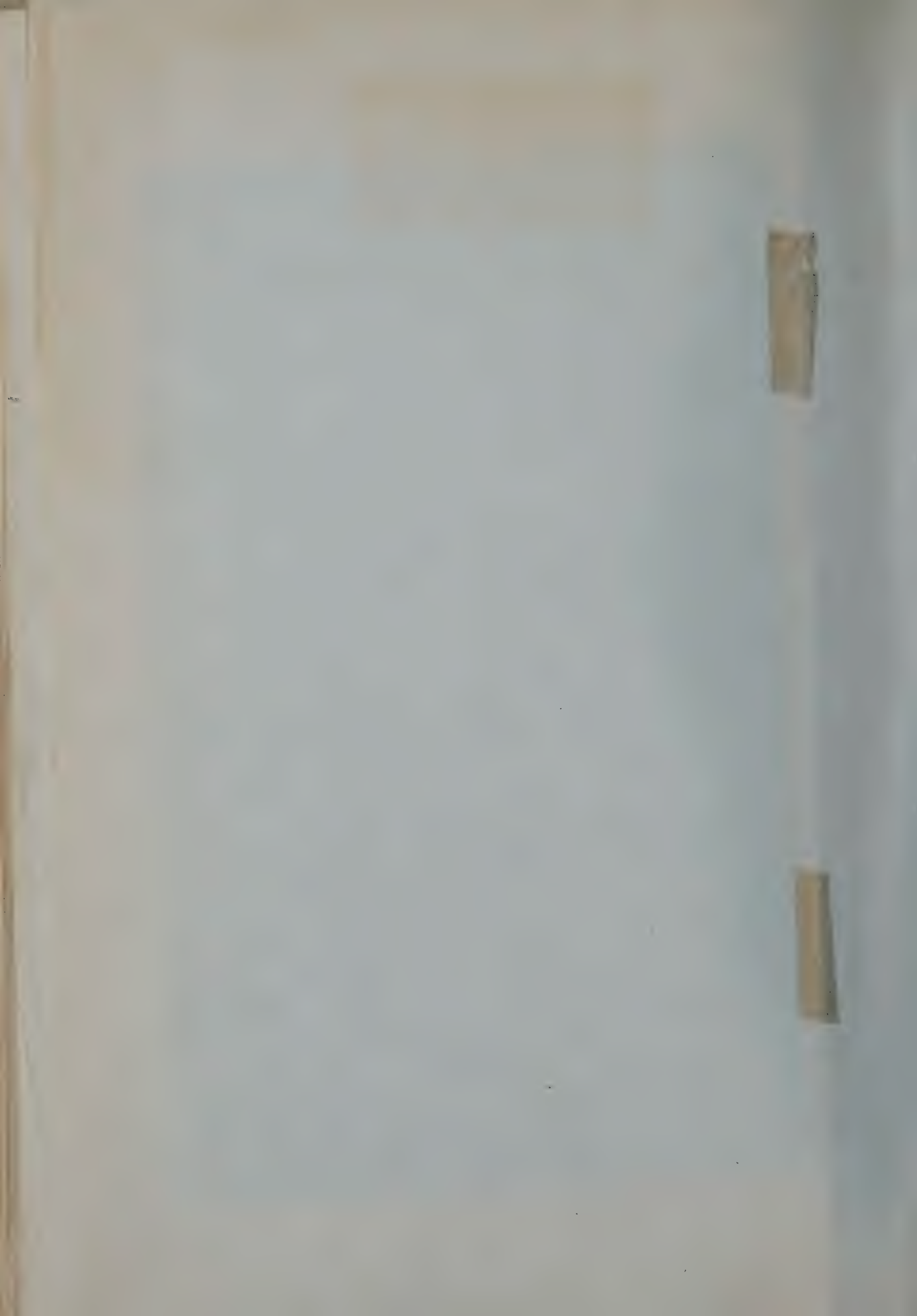
Dear Mr. Benton,

I thank a lot for the pictures.
They came out swell. That picture
you sent to dad of the 3 of them
at Carl's is grand. I have never
seen a better picture of my Dad.

About my pictures - I have had
to take my camera down to shore
as something went wrong when

it was finishing up that film.
Then I got it back all and
you the film. I know it
hadn't spoiled any pictures for
I had some in there that I
thought would be super. The
one of the dedication I think
would be good and I had some
of Nick calling the page & holding
chickens that should be great.
Anyway I'll hope for the best
and send the film on when
I get it back.

Sincerely
Mason





1943-1944 Greater Boston Annual Appeal \$310,000

41 PEARL STREET

BOSTON 10, MASSACHUSETTS

TELEPHONE LIBERTY 6937

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September 17, 1943

PERSONAL

Mr. Jay R. Benton, President
Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company
160 Congress Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Jay:

Grand to receive your letter of September 16 enclosing check for \$500 as a contribution of the Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company to the Greater Boston Annual Maintenance Appeal.

This generous action on the part of you and your directors is much appreciated. It is inspiring and will materially aid us in the effort we make to reach the objective of \$310,000.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,


John E. Wilson
CHAIRMAN

JEW:G

September 17, 1943

Mr. Karl E. Hayes
Guildhall, Vermont

Dear Karl:

Agreeing with you that it is wise to shut off the water at the Cottage in good season, I wish you would get together with Carlos Hodge and see that this is done properly now and also that kerosene is put in all the hoppers to prevent freezing.

Sincerely,

Jay P. Benton

JRB:ECC



BOSTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
80 FEDERAL STREET, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

There will be a meeting of the

Board of Directors

Friday, September 17, at 12:30 p.m.

Parker House, Room 118

M. D. Liming, Secretary

MUCH COOLER IN HUB TODAY

Maximum of 87 Degrees
Recorded

Much cooler weather with widely scattered light showers is expected today after the mercury had reached 85 yesterday afternoon. At sunrise the thermometer registered 61 and it rose steadily until 3:30 when it started to drop until it was down to 60 at midnight. The skies became overcast in mid-afternoon yesterday but rain held off until late in the evening.

The rain was light and had stopped before midnight. The Concord weather bureau recorded a maximum of 87 yesterday afternoon, a sharp contrast to the freezing weather with frost of Monday and Tuesday mornings. Weather Bureau officials last night refused to speculate on how cold it will be today but said it would be decidedly cooler than yesterday.

Friday, September 17th 1943
Much cooler today - and it was the old felt hat for the first time this fall.
Breakfast - orange juice - Cornflakes - Creamed Cod fish on toast - Iced Coffee.
To the Square with Frances - Stopped in at Sage's to get some pretzels for E. Lane. to Kemp's for a 1/2 pound of Nut Crunch to send to Peter - Sulray - and the office.
Working all morning and out at 12.15 to the Parker House. Luncheon Meeting of the Directors of the Boston Chamber of Commerce. Over at 2. Showers - to Ives Johnson's - Sorry to hear that R. J. Blake had suffered an embolism there earlier in the day. Bought a 130 Film But my colored Guildhall movies were not back. to the office. Out again and to Jordan's - Secured my films and also bought the "thank you" gifts for the Hayes and Gladys Fogg. A Chintz Covered Boudoir Chair and a 32 Colorful Set of dishes for both - Back to the office dodging the raindrops. Work. Left at 4. Sulray to Harvard Square. Assorted nuts at Kemp's for Sunday's party.

To Sage's - Pretzels also for Sunday and
two more Bottles for the "Cellar Collection"
Moselle and Riesling. Met Frances in
front of Mrs. August's and so home.
The Porch - quite chilly - Tom Collins -
Dinner at 6.40 - Broiled Swordfish -
French Fried Potatoes - String Beans
corn on the Cob. Sliced Cucumbers -
Rolls - Milk. Baked Apples and Honeydew
Balls - Upstairs at 7.

John told us tonight that he had heard today
from the First Service Command that he
may be called back sometime next week.

BELMONT, MASSACHUSETTS
SATURDAY MORNING EARLY
SEPTEMBER 18, 1943

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH -- AFTERNOON & EVENING LETTERS TO THE

AR

ANOTHER WEEK HAS GONE BY RAPIDLY AND HERE IS STARTING ANOTHER WEEK-END
THE GLASS OUTSIDE MY BEDROOM SAYS 40°. I TRUST WE ARE NOT IN FOR A COOL
FALL BECAUSE WE HAVE A COCKTAIL PARTY SCHEDULED FOR THE WEST LAWN TOMORROW NOON.
HOUSE PRINTED INVITATIONS WERE USED. IF IT IS TOO CHILLY WE WILL HOLD FORTH IN
THE BIG LIVING ROOM.

YESTERDAY THE FIRST SERVICE COMMAND CALLED JOHN AND HE MAY BE ON HIS
WEEK. I WILL WRITE YOU JUST AS SOON AS THERE IS ANYTHING DEFINITE.

PICKING UP THE THREADS OF NARRATING OUR DAILY EXPERIENCE SINCE I WROTE
YOU THAT LONG LETTER LAST SUNDAY -- ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH, LEFT MY SILVER
WATCH AT SIMPSON'S IN THE SQUARE TO BE REPAIRED. HAD A FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
TODAY AND WE VOTED TO BUY \$3,225,000 OF THE 3RD WAR LOAN BONDS. ANOTHER HOME
DEFENSE AIR RAID REHEARSAL THIS AFTERNOON. STARTED A "WINE CELLAR" TODAY -- FIRST
CONDITIONS WERE "GOLD COAST SHERRY" AND CHABLIS. AFTER DINNER TO A DIRECTORS'
MEETING AT THE WAVERLEY COOPERATIVE BANK.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH -- NICHOLAS RETURNED TO EXETER, GOING UP EARLY
ON THE 8:30 TRAIN. HE HAD A LATIN EXAMINATION AT 2, WHICH, WE HAVE SINCE LEARNED,
HE PASSED SUCCESSFULLY. SAM ALCOCK, THE CARPENTER, CAME AT 8:40 TO SEE ABOUT
BUILDING THE ROSE ARCH AND PUTTING STORM WINDOWS ON THE SUN PORCH. A BOSTON
AIR RAID TEST THIS MORNING. TO THE KNOCKERS CLUB FOR LUNCHEON. IN THE EVENING
ATTENDED THE OPENING DINNER OF THE SALVATION ARMY CAMPAIGN HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY
CLUB. A VERY DECORATIVE MENU -- I AM SENDING YOU A COPY.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH -- A THREATENED HURRICANE VEERED OFF TO SEA.
PAID THE FEDERAL INCOME TAX. WOW! BOSTON MUTUAL DIRECTORS' MEETING AND ANOTHER
OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. ADDED TO THE "CELLAR" DRY SHERRY AND RHINE WINE. FOR
DINNER HAD FISH BALLS AND A WHOLE RANGE OF VEGETABLES FRESH FROM THE HAYES' GARDEN.

TAYED UNTIL QUARTER OF THREE, WHICH INDICATES THAT THEY ALL HAD A GOOD TIME.
KID HELEN AND JAMEY TO STAY FOR DINNER, WE HAD PLINY AS JOHN HAD GONE TO
SCOTT. THERE WAS A HUGE SIRLOIN STEAK, FRENCH FRIED POTATOES, BROCCOLI
NDaise. THE FUN WAS OVER AT 4:30 AND PEACE SETTLED DOWN ON THE HOUSEHOLD.
HEN AND JANE GO ON THEIR VACATION THIS THURSDAY, AND MRS. RYDER WILL FILL

I THINK I WILL CLOSE THIS LETTER WITH A LITTLE VERSE BUILT UPON ONE
RUTHERS ^{BURT}~~LEWIS~~ MINE WILL BE CALLED

"GUILDHALL"

A SMALL RIVER SEEN AT DUSK, BANKS SHINING,
THE WATER RIPPLED BY THE WIND, AND SLACKENED BOAT
DRIFTING TO THE WHARF WHERE HOUSES, WHITE, SET
WITH HOLLYHOCK AND ELM, MADE A FULL MOON OF WELCOME;
DO YOU REMEMBER,
YOU WHO HAVE SEEN THEM?
OR NIGHTS IN AUGUST WHEN OUR MEADOW,
HALF-HIDDEN, ETHEREAL, REACHED TO THE STARS, AND THE SOUTH
GATHERED ITS FRAGRANCE,
EVENING TALKS ON THE PORCH BY THE WILLOW TREE,
AND FIRES OF BIRCH CURTAINED FROM DECEMBER.
THERE ARE A THOUSAND MEMORIES,
GREEN IN THE MOUNTAINS WHERE CHanneLED WATER RUNS
AND POPLARS PAINT A DAPPLING OF THE SUN, AND ROOMS,
PLAIN-WALLED AND SHADOWED, MARK WITH COOL PERIODS
THE GENTLE HEAT. AND PINE-FRINGED HOMESTEADS
IN THE BLUE, THE DISTANCE, AND THE FIELDS;
OR WHERE PURPLE MOUNTAINS STAND, INTERVALE WITH BLOOM,
DIMINISHING SOLITUDE, HAY-FIELDS IN AUGUST,

THEY WERE A VERY OLD COUPLE, AND THEY WERE
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Saturday
SEPT. 18, 1943

Dear Mom & Dad -

Here are three r
ration books that you wanted -

I need my ration book
to 2 too - send at once
please -

This year all boys have
to wait on tables - we take
turns - every six days - it's
fun to say the least -

Saturday, September 18th 1943 X

40° outside my window this morning
Up early. downstairs for the "Herald" at
6.15 - The Works. Jane brought up my breakfast
at 8.40 - Orange juice - Oatmeal. Dropped egg on
fish cake - Catsup - Roll. Iced coffee. Drafted first
part of letter to the children. Pasted up my scrap
book - Downstairs at 10.30. Frances took the car
down to Dyer's to have it fixed temporarily - new
spark plugs all around (5.60) Then we went shopping
ran into Herbert Rogers - and gave him a lift home.
Griffins - Beverages for tomorrow's party - (14.64) Curtis
Drugs for and Chesterfields and Camels (1.32)
At his house, Herb. got out with his little Brown
Suit Case. Containing six bottles of Pickwick Ale.
The Strah gave and instantly they crashed out
on to the granolithic sidewalk. Broken glass. Beer
Suds. A sad sight to Herb. 4 out of the six were broken.
Everybody else thought it was a funny sight.
Stayed at the Rogers for a half hour. Then home -
lunch on the porch at 2. Pepper pot soup. Cheese
Dressings. Milk. X Snoozed during the afternoon.
At 4.30 in the car with Frances. Left Whithcord
suit at Iseustein's to be pressed - also my
round rug from the Keirs at Whitefield
to be dry cleaned and ironed.

Walked To Cushing Square the evening
papers - met Frances - To Teustein's -
got my pressed suit and also four
pairs of pants the girls had taken
up to be cleaned and pressed while
we were on vacation. Back to the house.

Sorted out magazines down cellar.

Dinner at 7. Broiled Mackerel. Fried Potatoes
Sliced Cucumbers. Carrots & Peas. Cauliflower
Rolls. Butter - Milk. Custard, Blueberries,
& sliced oranges. Upstairs at 7.30. This

was a very cool day but it was nice
out in the sun. Got flowers from
Foster's for the party (2.00) John went to
Swampscott again today.

Frances left my raincoat at Tewandoe
to have it cleaned -



JOHN.
SEPT. 19, 1943







MARINE BARRACKS
PARRIS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA

Sunday

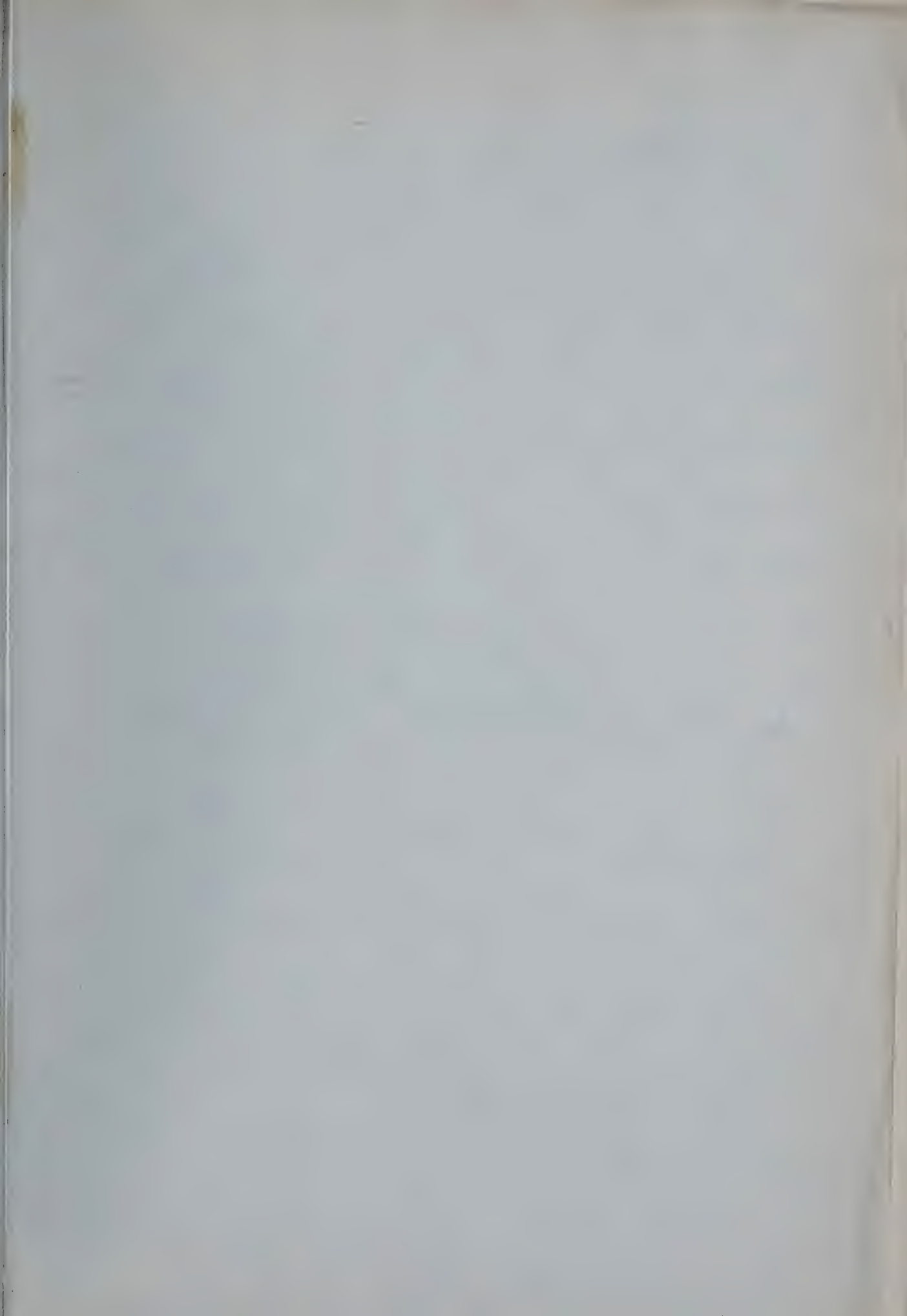
SEPT. 19, 1943

Dear Mother and Dad,

I'm back at the main base and set for the home stretch in my basic training. I'll be with you in 3 short weeks so be of good cheer. Wait till you see our green uniforms. Boy, they are really handsome. I was awarded a medal yesterday afternoon for my marksmanship. I didn't fire the sub-machine gun till yesterday. I must have taken to it like a duck to water because I shot 290 out of 300 to score first place of 918 men which is pretty fair. I get a medal for that someday soon. Also for expert hand grenade and bayonet. Not bad for 6 weeks. We signed furlough papers today and it is dated for October 8th. Please send a big suitcase and some money because I have to buy a lot of equipment. They don't issue hats or belts here and I want to come home in style. I'm eating your 55 Piece candy and thanks a lot. Our barracks are swell and it shouldn't be too long before I'm home with you. We went to a ball game this afternoon and P.I. won 14-0. The catcher is one of our 3 sergeants and we cheered at everything he did. I expect to be drinking and

There now. I spose Nick has gone. How did
he make out on his exam? We have guard
duties tonight. I hope that I'm not chosen.
I am is nice stationary isn't it. We have
our 40th day inspection on Saturday and it
will be our last one & thank heavens! I
washed clothes for 3 hours today. I had a
lot saved up from the rifle range. Went to
4 o'clock mass. Had a quart of ice cream
at the P. X. I could only eat a pint two
or three weeks ago but now I handle a qt.
very easily. Haven't heard from Dave in
weeks. Where is he? Only 3 more weeks
and then I'll be transferred to aviation
I hope. B & N lost quite a bit of its
personnel in 3 masters and the cook. It
will be quite different from now on. I
could make the P. L. baseball team easily
as they aren't too hot. The catcher is
good, though. Did I get my picture in
the Citizen? Also a certificate from the
marine corps. I get \$59 in 3 weeks which
will be used to come home on. About \$20
will be the fare. We were told to get
away from Jarvis Island because of its monotony
so I'm sort of glad I didn't accept a coxswain
job. I'll be placed in something good so
don't worry. See you very soon.

Love,
Peter



first two weeks in the classroom, the
second two flying on the ground, and
the last two flying in the air, flying
in every thing from small training
planes to "flying fortresses".

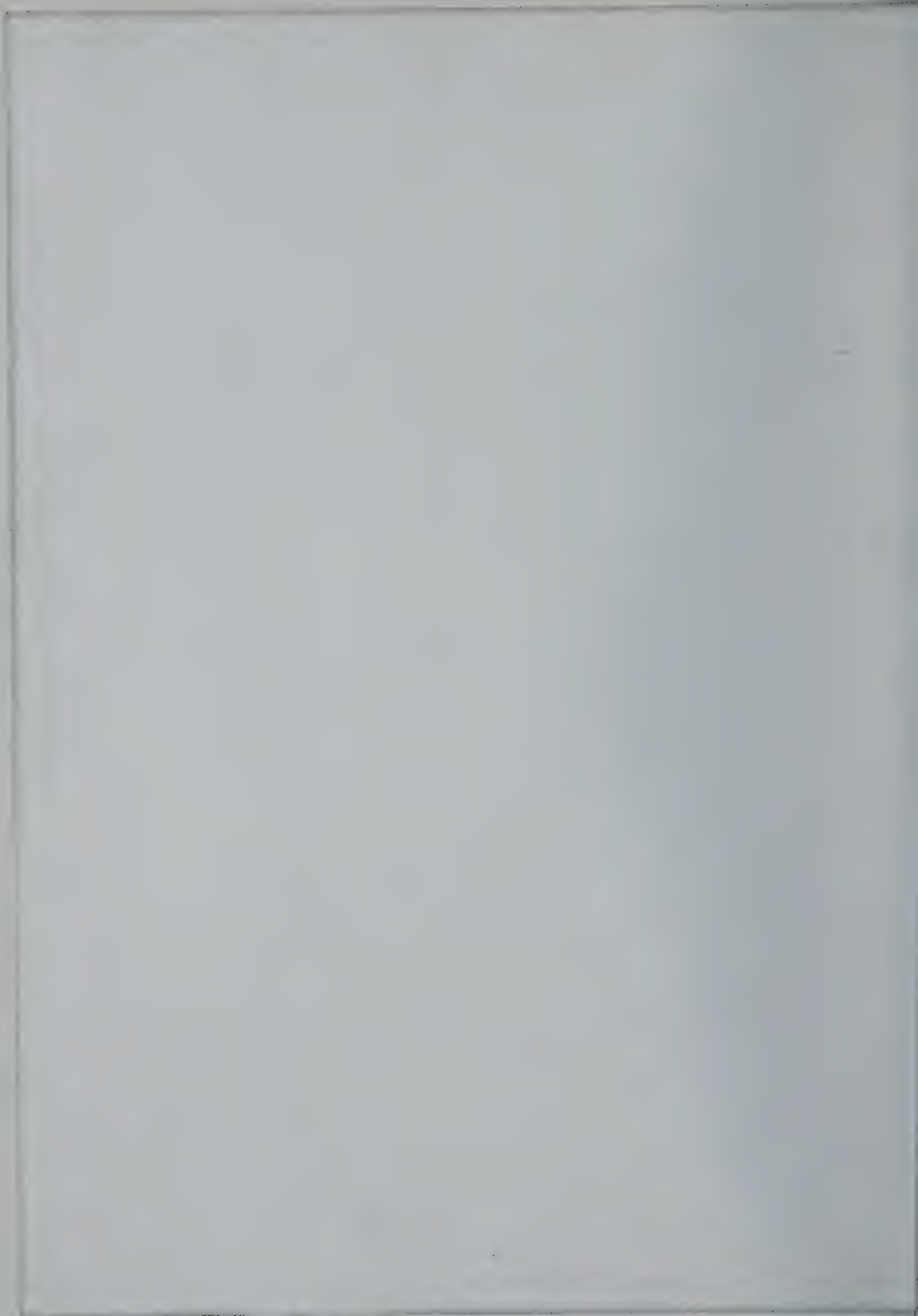
Las Vegas is located in a valley
completely narrow led by high mountains.
There is not a sign of green vegetation
anywhere, not even on the mts.
The soil is white, a mixture of
sand and salt crystals and every
now and then a midjet sand
storm blows up covering everything
with a fine white dust.

Everyone here wears a "dust mask"
... G.I. fatigues, tropical with
helmet and sun goggles.

By the way, every thing is set on
the pictures I had taken in S.A. a
year should have you as in about
two weeks.

Guess that's all for now - write often
it will help a lot during these six
months experiment.
Love,
Dave







The Kevilles, the Learys,
The Jamesons, the Rogers,
Pat. and Louise -

are invited

for

Cocktails on The Lawn

Sunday

September 19th

12:30 to 2:00 P. M.

Frances and Jay Benton



LAWN PARTY.
SUNDAY,
SEPT. 19, 1943





GENERAL
KEVILLE

JUDGE
LEARY





THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME



MERCURY DIPS TO FREEZING

Coldest Weather Since
Late Last Winter

Early risers of New England inland communities awoke this morning to find themselves in the grip of the first freezing or sub freezing temperatures since late last winter.

The mercury began its nose dive towards the freezing point late yesterday afternoon and at 12:30 this morning temperatures were reported in the 30s from such places as Putnam, Conn.; Pittsfield, Durham, N. H.; Millinocket, Me., and White River Junction, Vt.

Weather bureau officials at the time of announcing the above readings stated the temperature in all of these places would be at the freezing point or a few degrees below before day-break.

Sunday, August 19th 1943 XX
Cold again. 40° - at 7, which
was the time I woke up.

The Sunday papers until
Jane brought up my breakfast,
Orange juice - oatmeal. Scrambled
eggs & sausages - fried apple -
toast - Butter - Iced Coffee. Up at 9, and did
testing for seven days. Downstairs at 10 and
getting ready for the Party. Lugging out
chairs and tables - glasses - trays -
The guests came promptly and stayed
until quarter of 3 - which indicates
they had a good time - It was a
beautiful Indian summer day -
On hand were the Kevilles, the Learys,
the Jamersons, the Rogers, and Pat & Louise.
Helen and Jamey stayed to dinner -
a large sirloin steak. Smoozed during
the latter part of the afternoon. A sweet supper
by Frances X. John went to Swampscott.
Nicholas called from Exeter for money.

A letter from David - He is now
at Las Vegas, Nevada.

Monday, September 20th 1943

This was a very sequable day weatherwise -
Downstairs early - the works - the "Herald"
Breakfast was orange juice - Wheat germ -
fried eggs & Bacon - Toast - Iced Coffee -
a pile of Magazines for Red Cross - the Suit
Case. To the Square with Frances -
Subway - Office - Work - out at 12.15 -
after a trip over to the Safety Deposit
Vaults to take out Rochester & City
Service Securities - to lunch at Stephen's -
Halibut Steak after Soup - String Beans -
Rolls - Iced Coffee - Banana. To Jordan
to get prints & to lease films - Office -
Over to the Chamber of Commerce -
Conf with E. J. Frost and "Doc" dining
in Retail Board proposed By Laws -
Office - 3.30. Mass Meeting of all Home
Office Employees in 3rd War Loan Drive.
Left at 4.30. Cars all the way home.
Front Porch - Tom Collins - Pat &
Louise came to dinner. Spare Ribs -
Upstairs at 7.30 + Pat papers, magazines,
and Card Board out for night for
the salvage drive.



UNITED STATES MARINES

Monday

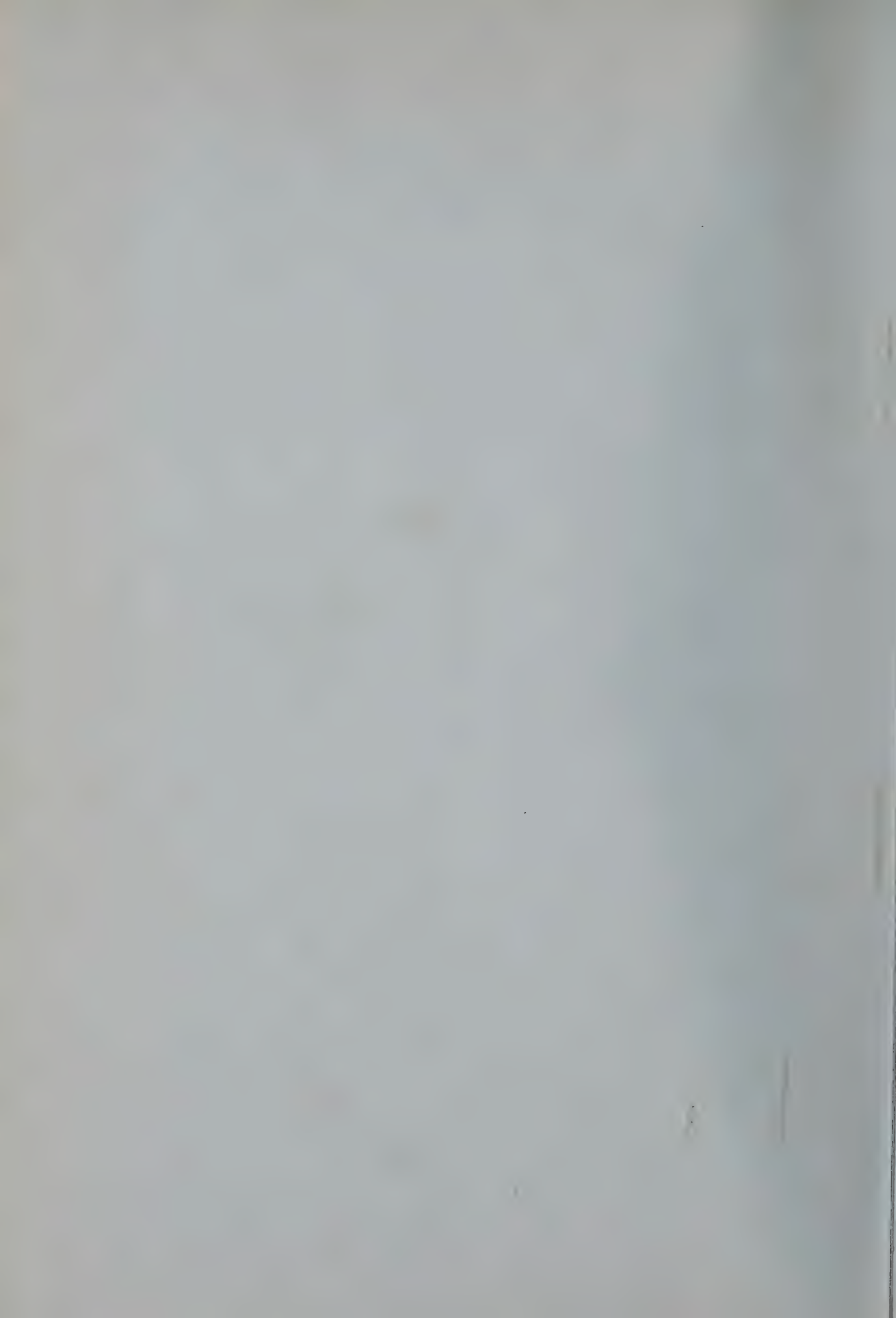
SEPT. 20, 1943

Dear Mother and Dad,

I'm sending my civilian clothes home. I save those shoes because they go with my uniform. It seems so good to be getting ready to come home. It rained last night and guard duty wasn't much fun. We are doing lots of things that all add up to leaving boot camp. No more boot camp for me forever. I can be thankful for that. We are scheduled to leave on the eighth of October. Please get some Gillette double blades for me. There's a razor and on Jarvis Island. Only five more trimming days. Isn't that swell. I won't mind mess so much because I can be a little free. It will be a great October 7th or 10th when I pull in. Just what do you want me to do. I think I'll call you from the Capitol. I see B & N is scheduled to play Belmont Hill. Wish I could play. Get my football stuff in tact because I'll be using it and for all the days I'm home. Don't let anyone touch it dad. You know just how much it means to you and me after all we did for B & N. It mustn't be touched by anyone. No one must touch any of my athletic equipment because it means a great deal to

me since I've been in this war. Well, I'll
write again tomorrow.

Love,
Peter



September 20, 1943

MJB

Dear Mother & Judy.

How do you like the new
Stationery? Decided to get some rather
than buying little notes all the time.
I didn't have the address put on, though,
cause you'd surely move.

Well, tomorrow we go to Santa
Barbara to stay till Thursday. We
are going to stay ~~at the Miramar~~ ~~at the Miramar~~ and
it looks now as though we'll have a
wonderful time. I am driving down
with Mary Bills in her car, and
Tot Mortensen & Irene Johnston are
coming with us.

We spent the weekend at Camp
and it was lots of fun at the
'meat house'. The guest house
is a regulation officers' barracks,
but they have fixed it in a really
attractive way, and the rooms
are all right. Two army cots, dressing
table + mirror, two chairs and a rug
in each one. Took a horse excursion
went to Mass on the foot, of course,
and the army helped also much more
than I expected them to be. All the churches
out here have the Stations of the Cross
affixed to the way we have them at
home. I.E. The 1st station is on the front
right.

Speaking of church, by all means
visit The Robe. It is truly wonderful,
and I was surprised at its beauty and

MJB

Lloyd Douglas heretofore has been too deeply-mouthed and tricky (to me) about religious inquisitions. The Robe should not be missed.

To get back to the weekend, we did the usual things. Went to the club on Saturday night and danced. They had a swell orchestra for a change. The 21st is running the news this month, and it is good news. So we are there all times except Sunday evening when we went to the club.

I am enclosing a snap of Nat Curtis that I received from Helene today. I know Mother will enjoy seeing it. Hasn't he grown? I'd like to have this photo returned, so I can

Keep it.

That's about all the news I have
to date. I must go now + pack for
our "outing". Will write you when
I return + tell you all about it.

Much love,

Mary

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September 17, 1943

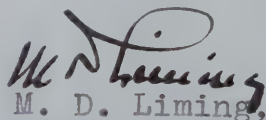
Mr. Jay R. Benton, President
Boston Mutual Life Insurance Co.
160 Congress Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Jay:

This is just to remind you of the conference regarding the proposed Retail Trade Board by-laws to be held in the President's office here at the Chamber Monday, September 20, at 2 p.m.

Sincerely yours,

MDL:G


M. D. Liming,
Managing Director

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HOME OFFICE EMPLOYEES'

THIRD WAR LOAN DRIVE

September , 1943

WORKER'S PLEDGE CARD

1. I will do my best to promote the sale of \$1,000 or more of New War Purchases before October 1st, 1943.
2. I agree, if possible, to try and sell at least five members of my immediate family or relatives.
3. I agree to turn in a report of my activities to the Captain of my group.
4. It is understood that additional Bonds that I purchase personally between September 1st and October 1st, 1943 will count toward my sales quota.

NAME _____

DEPARTMENT _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
LIBRARY
CHICAGO, ILL.

September 1943

RECEIVED

1. I will be best to purchase the sets of 10,000 or more of the following books for the library.
2. I have, if possible, to try and sell at least five members of the following books.
3. I have to sell at least five members of the following books.
4. I have to sell at least five members of the following books.



HEADQUARTERS

Department of Massachusetts

United Spanish War Veterans

MAIL ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO

Room 158 State House, Boston, Massachusetts

TELEPHONE CAPITOL 4600 - EXT. 215

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WILLIAM F. O'BRIEN
DEPT. ADJUTANT

WILLIAM D. DESMOND
DEPT. QUARTERMASTER

September 20, 1943

Mr. J. R. Benton
160 Congress Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 17th, regarding collection of newspapers published at the time of the declaration of the war with Spain, which you offer to give to us, was received. We would appreciate very much receiving them and wish to thank you for your kind thoughts in thinking of us. After 45 years, I feel as though it would be of great interest to many of the Comrades who were away at the time of them being published.

Thanking you again, I remain

Yours very truly,

Walter P. Crowley
Department Commander

September 21, 1943

Mr. Walter P. Crowley
Department Commander
United Spanish War Veterans
Room 158, State House
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Commander:

I am very glad to deliver herewith ~~four~~ bundles of newspapers published at the time of the Spanish War. I hope they will be of considerable interest to keep at your headquarters.

Yours very truly,

Jay P. Benton

JRB:BCC

September 21, 1943

Boston Herald
80 Mason Street
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Kindly change address of:

David Benton
S.A.A.A.E.
Santa Ana, California

to

A/C David Benton
#11082081
Student Squadron #8
Class 43 - 44
A.A.F. Flexible Gunnery School
Las Vegas, Nevada.

Yours truly,

Jay R. Benton

JTB:MCC

September 21, 1943

Belmont Citizen
72 Trapelo Road
Belmont, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Kindly change David Benton's mailing address to:

A/C David Benton
#11012061
Student Squadron #8
Class 43 - 14
A.A.P. Flexible Gunnery School
Las Vegas, Nevada.

Yours truly,

Gay R. Benton

JMB:BCC

September 21, 1943

Belmont Herald
497 Common Street
Belmont, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Kindly change David Benton's mailing address to:

A/C David Benton
#11082061
Student Squadron #8
A.A.F. Flexible Gunnery School
Las Vegas, Nevada.

Yours truly,

Jay R. Benton

JRB:PCC

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September 21, 1943

Coos County Democrat
Lancaster, New Hampshire

Gentlemen:

Kindly change David Benton's mailing address to:

A/C David Benton
#11082061
Student Squadron #8
Class 43 - 44
A.A.F. Flexible Gunnery School
Las Vegas, Nevada.

Yours truly,

David P. Benton

JRD:ECC

September 21, 1943

Boston Herald
80 Mason Street
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Kindly find enclosed my check for \$6.30 for 9 months' subscription to the Herald to be mailed to:

Mr. Nicholas Benton
Box 534
Phillips Exeter Academy
Exeter, New Hampshire.

Yours truly,

Joey P. Benton

JEP:BCC
Inclosure



CHARLES ROSS

SECRETARY

ELEVEN BEACON STREET
BOSTON

September 8, 1943

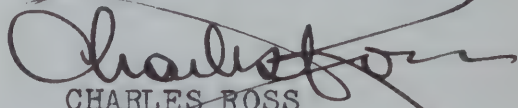
Hon. Jay R. Benton
160 Congress Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Jay:

At the annual meeting of
Everett C. Benton Lodge, to be held on
September 21, 1943, it is planned to present
to the retiring Worshipful Master, Josiah H.
Benton, a suitable gift from the members of the
Lodge.

Your contribution will be very
gratefully received. You can make the check
payable to either the Josiah H. Benton Fund or
to Everett C. Benton Lodge.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,


CHARLES ROSS
Secretary

CR:F

*How are you,
Charlie?*

September 15, 1943

Charles Ross, Esq.
11 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Charlie:

Here is a contribution of five dollars towards
Josiah's gift, when he retires as Worshipful Master. I
plan to be there on the twenty-first.

I hope all goes well with you and I miss
working with you, as we did in the old days on those
pilgrimages back and forth.

Faternally,

Jay R. Benton

JRB:ECC
Enclosure



A. F. & A. M.

East Boston

Everett C. Benton Lodge

A. F. & A. M.

TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-EIGHTH COMMUNICATION

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION FOR MEMBERS ONLY

Boston, September 11, 1943

Brother:

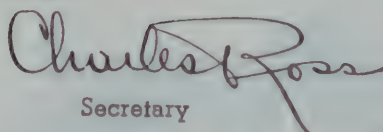
A Regular Communication of Everett C. Benton Lodge, A. F. & A. M., will be held in Masonic Temple, 344 Meridian Street, East Boston, on

Tuesday, September 21, 1943

AT 5:30 P.M.

You are earnestly requested to be present.

Attest:


Secretary

Phone: Capitol 6526
11 Beacon Street, Boston


Master

BUSINESS MEETING 5.35 P.M.

ACTION ON DELINQUENTS

Report of the Trustees of the Permanent Fund.
Report of the Trustees of the Relief Fund.
Report of the Trustees of the Life Membership Fund.
Report of the Trustees of the Louis Papp Memorial Fund.
Report of the Trustees of the Ernest Bradford Schallenberg Relief Fund
Report of the Treasurer.
Report of the Secretary.
Report of the Finance Committee.

MASONIC SERVICE COMMITTEE

HARRY J. BOROFKY, Chairman, 12 Theodore Street, Dorchester, Phone, Geneva 7381
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DR. LOUIS N. SCHWARTZ, 27 Lyndhurst Street, Dorchester, Phone, Geneva 3777
EDWARD SIDMAN, 32 Parkway Road, Brookline, Phone, Aspinwall 5182

ANNUAL DINNER 6.15 P.M.

No Charge—FOR MEMBERS ONLY

ENTERTAINMENT

Dinner will be served to those members who return their cards to Bro. James Burrows, 341 Watertown Street, Newton (Decatur 0785), not later than September 18, signifying their intention to attend. In view of the current difficulties of providing adequate service and the rationing of food, it will be unwise to expect to be served without sending in your reservation. Tickets should be called for by 6:00 P.M.

8:00 P.M.

Report of the Worshipful Master
Report of the Nominating Committee
Election of Officers

LEO J. LYONS

Born at Boston, Mass. — October 18, 1863

Initiated	March 27, 1905	} In Germania Lodge, A. F. & A. M.
Passed	April 24, 1905	
Raised	May 23, 1905	

Charter Member	} In Everett C. Benton Lodge, A. F. & A. M.
First Secretary	
Honorary Member	

Departed.....July 14, 1943

THE THIRD LODGE OF INSTRUCTION

The next meeting of The Third Lodge of Instruction will be held at Masonic Temple, 51 Boylston Street, Boston, on Wednesday, September 29, at 7:20 P.M. The Speaker: Wor. Rev. D. Joseph Imler, Grand Chaplain. His Subject: "The Landmark of Secrecy". Candidates are required to attend, and all Master Masons are cordially invited.

Please notify the Master of any serious illness or distress among members.

Notify the Secretary of any change in address.

This notice is a confidential communication from the Lodge to you. Please govern yourself accordingly.



SUNDAY MORNING ON TREMONT STREET — 1869



The Knockers Club
 Tuesday,
 September 21ST 1943

PARKER HOUSE

School and Tremont Streets, Boston, Mass.

OYSTERS, CLAMS AND SEAFOOD

Lobster Cocktail 1.00	Cherrystone Clams 45	Stuffed Tomato Nelson 60
Clam Juice Cocktail 25		Assorted Seafood Cocktail 90
Fresh Shrimp Cocktail 85	Little Neck Clams 40	Cocktail Sauce 05
Fresh Crab Flakes Cocktail 75		Cape Oysters 45

RELISHES

Canape of Domestic Caviar per Person 75	Iced Celery 40, Stuffed 60
Domestic Caviar p. p. 1.25	Fruit Cocktail 65
Ripe Olives 25	Radishes 20
	Queen Olives 30

SOUPS (Served in Tureen)

Fresh Vegetable Soup Milanaise 50	Jellied Essence of Tomato Cup 30
Consomme Alphabet 40	

PARKER HOUSE SPECIALTIES (Cooked to Order)

Broiled Fresh Swordfish Steak, Parsley Butter with French Fried Potatoes and Sliced Tomatoes 1.75	
Fried Fresh Deep Sea Scallops with Tartar Sauce and French Fried Potatoes 1.45	
★★Parker House Lobster Stew in Casserole 1.45	
Broiled Live Chicken Lobster with French Fried Potatoes 1.75	
★★Broiled Parker House Schrod with Parsley Butter 85	
Chef's Salad Bowl with Julienne of Ham 95	

COLD DISHES

Boiled Salmon with Russian Dressing 1.25
Assorted Cold Cuts 1.65
Cold Boiled Chicken Lobster, Mayonnaise Dressing 1.70
Sliced Chicken, All White Meat 1.45
Potato or Tomato Salad Served with Above Combination

VEGETABLES

GOLDEN BANTAM CORN ON THE COB 25		
New Buttered Beets 30	Fried Egg Plant 40	Buttered Young Carrots 30
Boiled Onions 30	Green Peas 40	Cauliflower 40, au Gratin 50
Spinach 35, Creamed 40	Garden Broccoli 60	String Beans 40

★★Famous at THE PARKER HOUSE for over 80 years.

Room Service 5c per portion additional.

All Prices listed are our Ceiling Prices or Below. By O. P. A. regulations our Ceilings are our highest Prices from April 4 to April 10, 1943. Records of these Prices are available for your inspection.

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Knockers Club - Tuesday,

Sept. 21st

Geo. Barnes, Dick Greenwood,

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Tom White, Ben Draker

Joe Cotton

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POTATOES

Boiled, each 15

Hash Browned 25

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French Fried 30

Hashed in Cream 30

SALADS

Chicken 1.25

Lobster 1.50

Lettuce 40

Waldorf 80

Combination 75

Potato 40

Chiffonade 90

Fresh Fruit 90

Fresh Crabmeat 1.00

Tomato 45

DRESSINGS

Thousand Island

Russian

French

Mayonnaise

SANDWICHES

Club 90

Hamburg Steak 75

Lobster 90

Crab Meat 60

Sliced Chicken 75

Chicken Salad 60

Ham and Swiss Cheese 60

DESSERTS

Green Apple Pie 25

Chocolate Meringue Tart 20

Cherry and Raisin Pie 25

Caramel Custard Pudding 25

Strawberry Jello with Cream 20

Cheese for Pie 05

PARKER HOUSE ICE CREAM

Fresh Blueberry Sherbet 25

Lemon Sherbet 25

Vanilla 25

Fresh Peach 25

Pineapple Sundae 40

Autumn 40

Fresh Blueberry 25

Chocolate 25

FRESH FRUITS

Casaba Melon 45

Fresh Apple Sauce 25

Baked Apple with Cream 35

Tokey Grapes 40

Concord Grapes 40

Fresh Pear 25

CHEESE (with Toasted Crackers)

Camembert 35

Chef's 35

Roquefort 45

Cream 25

American 25

Liederkrantz 35

Hot Cheese Croquettes 35

Cream Cheese and Raspberry Jam 50

BEVERAGES

Pot of Coffee 20 p. p.

Buttermilk, Bottle 15

Ovaltine, Pot 25

Milk, Half Pint 15

Tea, Pot 25

Bread and Butter or Parker House Rolls 10c per Person

PARKER HOUSE ROLLS originated at THE PARKER HOUSE

Served from 12M to 2:30 P. M. and 6 to 8 P. M.

*Sunday Morning on
Tremont Street*

IN THIS colorful scene the artist has caught the crisp clearness of winter and the tranquil 'atmosphere of Boston in 1869. Prominent in the foreground is "Brimstone Corner" at Park and Tremont Streets, with historic Park Street Church the center of the brilliant composition. The "Old Granary" burying ground, still a Boston landmark, is visible adjacent to the church, and in the rear stands the old Tremont House, which faced the original Parker House and with it shared international fame as the finest hostleries in the world. "Brimstone Corner" was so called because brimstone for making gunpowder was stored in the church during the War of 1812 and the "Old Granary" burying ground derives its name from the fact that on its site once stood the town granary.



From original painting by E. E. Anthony

LOANED BY HOME SAVINGS BANK, BOSTON

Aviation Cadet DAVID BENTON
of 3 Pequossette rd has completed
his pre-flight training at Santa Ana,
Calif., and is now at the Flexible
Gunnery School at Las Vegas, Nev.

Hurricane Date

Pleasant Contrast

It was five years ago today that the hurricane struck New England, spreading terror and amazement in about equal measure, but nothing happened on this anniversary to cause either emotion.

It was a fine September morning, with a temperature of 59 at the coldest. A few birds twittered. Late flowers were still blooming prettily. Children went calmly to school in a mob of scrubbed faces and neat pigtails.

Tuesday, September 21st 1943

John is back in the Army again - he reported at 9 this morning at the First Service Command at 808 Commonwealth Avenue and went on active duty.

For breakfast orange juice - wheat germ.
Scrambled eggs Bacon - Toast - Iced Coffee.
To the Square with Frances. At Kemp's Boxes
of Peanut Brittle to send David and Peter.
Sulway. Out at Park St. to Spalding Moss for
photostat for Peter, Office - Work. letters to 4
Children. Sent old papers up to Spanish War
Veterans Headquarters at the State House. Out
at 12.20 to State Street Trust Co Vault - Met
Treasure Briget of the Waverley Cooperative Bank.
Took out 50 M. U.S. 25 to exchange for the Third
War Loan 25. to Braintree St. Shire. to Knockers
Club. Good attendance - Geo. Barnes, Dick. Greenwood,
Rudolph King, Charlie Barnes, Tom, White, Eben Prober,
Joe. Cotton, Jim. Reynolds: Creamed Fresh Salmon & Haddock -
Tomato salad, Iced Coffee, Banana
to Andrew J. Loyd got the 12 enlargements for
Peter's Photo Book - put them in and mailed
it along to him - Over all cost \$11.65 +
Office. Left at 4.45 - to Red South Movie.
Stayed to 6.15. East Boston Tunnel -

Maverick St. car. To Benton Lodge -
Annual Meeting - Annual Dinner -
Election of officers - Tosiak winds
up his year as Master - A member
from West Acton gave us a ride home.
To bed at 10.

MORNING AND SUNDAY

THE BOSTON HERALD



BY THE BOSTON HERALD TRAVELER CORPORATION



EVENING

Boston Traveler



IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

September 22, 1943

Dear Jay:

I have got to be out of town on Tuesday. This is just my bad luck, but please still stick me on your waiting list.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Choate".

Robert Choate

Mr. Jay R. Benton
160 Congress Street
Boston, Massachusetts

**Summer Gives Way
to Autumn at
6:12 P. M. Tomorrow**

Today is the last full day of Summer. Officially, Autumn begins at 6:12 p. m., Eastern war time, tomorrow, when the sun enters the Autumnal equinox.

Statistics of the United States Weather Bureau show that this has been a fairly warm and dry Summer. The average temperature since June 21 has been 1.7 degrees above the normal of 68 degrees figured for this area over a period of more than 60 Summers. Precipitation was a little above normal in July, short 2.34 inches of rain in August, and short 1.32 inches in September so far.

The warmest day of the Summer was June 25, when the mercury reached 97 degrees. The coldest days were on Sept. 18 and 19, when early morning temperatures of 44 degrees awakened the householder's interest in the fuel situation once more.

There were four thundershowers in June, seven in July and two in August.

Wednesday, Sept. 22nd 1943

I did not get to sleep very well last night - on account of the Black Coffee I had at the lodge dinner - and emptying the collection of glasses - and then the works - Been raining since very early - Breakfast - Orange juice - oatmeal - Dropped eggs on toast -

Iced Coffee. Interlude. ~~The key to~~ The key to the car lost. Frances upstairs & down - looking everywhere for it - but no could find.

Mystery - Yes - No? So I went out and took the cars all the way in town. Got off at Port Street - for a "Post" but the counter empty - Papers are getting scarce - to the office - Work - At 11 to Filene's to President E. J. Frost's office - Conference of Proposed.

Revision of Retail Board Bylaws. Conflict with the Chamber of Commerce - For the Retail Trade Board. Maynard of R. H. Stearns and Hubbard of T. D. Whitney's - For the Chamber. E. J. Frost, "Doc" Liming & J. R. B. Quite a hassle - over at 1 - Back to the office; out to lunch with Lane to the Hotel Avery. Chicken Consommé with Noodles - Veal Choh - String Beans -

Roll - Iced Coffee - Banana - ~~off~~ to
Jordan's for the photos - office -
Real Estate Committee Meeting -
Sent four picture books to Nichols -
Brought out a half a dozen Insurance
Magazines for John + Left at 4.05 -
to the liquor mart for additions to
the cellar - Santome and Tokay -
Sulway, Cigarettes at the First National
& Electric Light Bulbs - at Clark &
Hulls - Met Frances in front of
Mrs. Augusts - Home - the little living
Room. Scotch High Balls - Dinner at 6.40
Butterfish - Stuffed Potatoes - String
Beans - Lettuce Salad - Toast, Limburger
Cheese - St. John's Burg Crackers - Milk
Spiced Pears - Up-stairs at 7.15 +
Frank Klayda installed a new white
toilet seat in the upstairs Beck Bath
room today -

Jay R. Benton, President of the Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company, announced that the Finance Committee has voted to purchase \$3,225,000.00 of bonds in the Government's Third War Loan Drive.

At the September Directors' Meeting, the report for the first eight months of 1943 showed a combined insurance gain of \$5,561,193.00, gain from insurance operations of \$287,419.65, and investment gains of \$36,160.81.

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Thurs. P.M.

SEPT. 23, 1943 -

Dear Mom + Dad,

Sorry to have delayed so long in writing but the schedule here really is rugged and leaves almost no time to do anything. We have $8\frac{1}{2}$ hours of classes each day plus an hour of physical training. Almost all the work we are doing now is on the cal. 50 machine gun. By the end of next week we have to disassemble and assemble its 300 odd parts ~~at~~ while blindfolded. Some fun! Its shell put single work and I made 100% in the first two exams.

It has been a bit cooler these past couple of days, but not much - max. about 105° & guess. Never drunk so much water or ate so many salt tablets in all my life!

Your first direct letter comes today.

and it was swell to hear from you again.
Being stuck out here in the desert has
made mail call about a thousand times
as important as before.

The Peanut Brittle came via S.A.
and was much enjoyed by my room-
mates and myself. Incidentally, they
are damn nice guys - much better
than the average cadet.

I do hope that Joanne will be
able to visit you soon. I know
that she wants to very much and,
of course, is anxious to see those
May. 28 movies.

Your "wine cellar" sounds like a
wonderful idea - especially in these
days of liquor shortages. There wasn't
a drop of anything to be had
in S.A. my last weekend in town.
Wonder if the same conditions exist
in Mass.

Give me another salt tablet

Love to all,
Dave

Northumberland 7th
Sept 23

Dear Jay -

Thanks a lot
for the pictures.

Wish we were all
right back there.

The weather lays
right where it did -

I've a good mind
to wear it - Its been

so lonesome. Haven't

heard a word about
its my story.

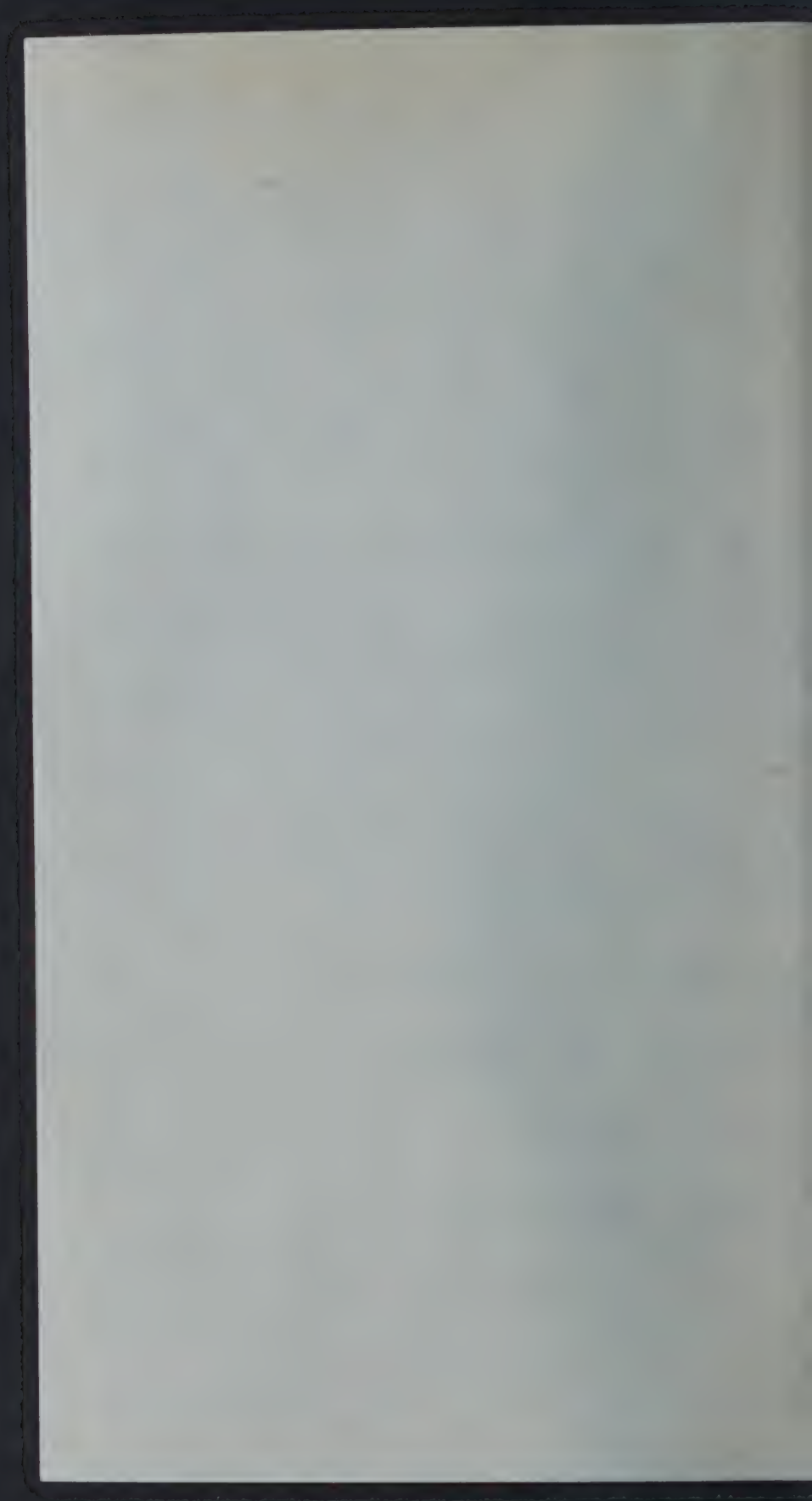
Guildhall Vt.

Sept. 23, 1943

Dear Jay:-

John received your note and the pictures - they are fine so clear and plain. The one of John is particularly good and I sent it to Stuart "Somewhere in the Pacific" and I would appreciate the negative. Stuart has worn out the pictures he had with him and would like new ones.

John thanks you and we all do for we all enjoy them.



The Town has fallen back
into a quiet Town. altho
there are a lot of potato
pickers here still. We are in
Guildhall for two days -

Francis will be interested to
know that Florence had a
baby girl yesterday morning the
28th three days after John's
1st birthday. They are both
fine. Baby weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz.
I miss you folks. but will
live thru it.

Sincerely,
"Win" Hodge.



WE'RE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR YOU



HON. BENTON

We are reserving a plate for you
at the
First and most important Report Luncheon
of the
Industry and Finance Division
of
The Salvation Army Greater Boston Annual Appeal.

This is the most important because it will show how
well we are organized to complete our job on time.

Get your figures and money to your Division Chairman
early so he can include them in his report at next Tuesday's
meeting.

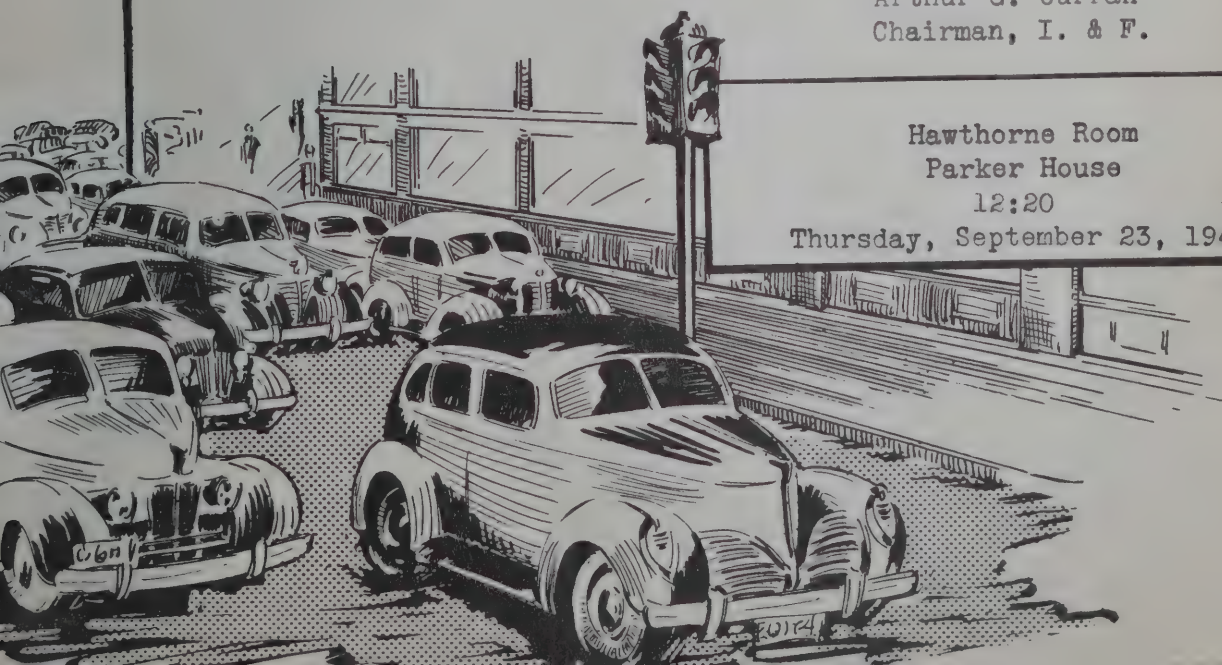
People want to know more about what The Salvation Army
is doing - you can show them!

Use your illustrated booklet!

Please return the card promptly so the Hotel can plan
on the number to be served.

Arthur G. Curran
Chairman, I. & F.

Hawthorne Room
Parker House
12:20
Thursday, September 23, 1943



September 23, 1913

Hotel Waldorf Astoria
New York, New York

Gentlemen:

I plan to attend the coming meeting of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents at your hotel. Accordingly, kindly reserve single room and bath for my arrival September 30th at 3 P.M. Please confirm.

Yours very truly,

Jay R. Benton

JRB:ECC

No Storm in Sight as Summer Says Adieu

Today, the last official day of Summer, 1943, started out to be a rather dull one. However, G. Harold Noyes, head of the local Weather Bureau, said there was no storm in sight, and that the weather would get no worse in the next few hours—a little warmer, if anything.

This is the day when, according to the astronomers, the sun is above the horizon exactly 12 hours and below the horizon an equal length of time. The official time of the Fall equinox is 6:12 p. m. tonight. According to the astronomers, Fall begins at that moment.

But what the astronomers say, according to Mr. Noyes, has nothing to do with our weather.

"The so-called 'line storm,'" he said, "has nothing whatever to do with the equinox. We have 'line storms' every few days in Fall, Winter and Spring, and even a few in the Summer. The crossing of the line by the sun has absolutely not one thing to do with weather. If a storm happens to come along at the time of an equinox, it is pure coincidence."

X—
Thursday, September 23rd 1943
Frances was down for a smuggle.
What the regular Time - Breakfast
Orange juice - Wheat Germ - Scrambled
eggs + Bacon - Toast - Iced Coffee -
to the Square with Frances - and
giving "Rot" Power a lift - with
him on the cars to Town. The
Benton Express Company, lugged in
a suit case to express down to Peter at Parris ~~Island~~
Island, South Carolina. A large box of clothes to send
out to Mary in California - A pair of pants & a
Box of Kathleen's Toll House Cookies to send up
to Nicholas at Exeter - Work at the office all
morning and out to lunch at 12.15 with
Everett Lane. The storm has cleared away
and the sun is out Bright - in fact it is
quite warm. Across the Common and out
Boylston St. to Child's + A Beef Stew with
Vegetables - Cole Slaw. Rolls - but not Butter
available. Iced Coffee. Banana. to Dartmouth
St. to the Grace Home Galleries to see the
R. A. F. Bombers of Germany + France +
to Macy's - looking for a Wine Rack - but
no luck + to Mosher's + Krey's for
Piano Rolls of "Oklahoma" but no luck.

Sam. Alcock took away the Rose Arch to rebuild it.

To Jordan's for my enlargements but they were not ready + Back to the office - Called Mr Johnson's but my colored movie films taken at Guildhall left there on Sept. 8th are not back yet. Sent down for the framed picture of David's Squadron 85 at Santa Rosa. Had Everett Lane take Peter's suit case down to the Railway Express at the South Station and ship to him - Left the office at 3.55 - To Woolworth's for the plants for Francisco Fresno Valley. To the Square to Lyle's for additions to the "Cedar" Port and Muscatel. Bought also a dozen hard rolls + Met Frances in front of Mrs. August's with her the Mrs. Paget and Berry from Red Cross + Home. To Balmy Set out on the front porch. Scotch Highballs + Kathleen + Jane left on their vacation this afternoon + Mrs. Ryder now with us. Had Southern Cooking. John left to go in town to dinner with Dick. Nichols + Our Dinner + Broiler - Potatoes + Fiddle. Cauli flower. Lettuce + Tomato Salad Fruit. Up stairs at 7.30



UNITED STATES ARMY AIR FORCES
SANTA ANA ARMY AIR BASE
SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA

Fri. P.M.
SEPT. 24, '43

Dear Aunt —

Just enough time for a quick note
— 8½ hours of classes, not to mention
P.E. etc., keeps us busy from long
before noon 'til late in the night.
You ~~do~~ no doubt know all about this
post and what I think of it from
my letters to Mom & Dad so we
can skip that.

Seems to me I owe you some
money for flowers. Let me know
what the total news is and I'll
send it right along next pay day.

How does it feel to be back
at the old grind again? Rather
imagine your situation is a bit
better than trying to assemble
a Cal. 50 in the middle of a
desert while blindfolded.



Next week I expect we'll start to
do some shooting on the sheet wings.
The ground school work here is so
easy - even more so than Santa Ana.
Being stuck out here in the wilds with-
out a pass for seven weeks plus
the length of each working day makes
things pretty grim tho'. Believe me,
the aerial gunner really earns his
wings!

By the way, it rained here today
for the second time in three
years - quite an event!

Almost time for tapes so, for now -

Best of luck,
Dave

P.S. I thanks a lot for being so nice
to my Jeanne while you were in
N.Y.C. - She still mentions the "date"
with glowing terms.



IN SOUTH CAROLINA !



LESLIE
RAGAN



MARINE BARRACKS
PARRIS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA

Friday
SEPT. 24, 1943

Dear Mother and Dad,

miss duty tomorrow. I'll be O.K. because I can eat all I want. We got our last haircut today. I may have a little when I get home. We have a clothing inspection tomorrow so I've got 5 hours wash ahead of me.

It's now Monday morning and I am on mess duty. I've never been so busy in my life. We have to get up at 3:30 and work till 7:30 then some night. It's no fun but I have gotten used to it. It's only a few days now, isn't it. I'll be on that train about noon, October eighth. I should be in Boston sometime Saturday night. What a great day that will be. If I got there a little earlier I could watch some football game. Boy, I really do miss those games. I'll be glad to go to another game. I am hoping to be a PFC but I won't know till next week. I'll telegram you if I am made one. We should turn all our equipment in next week. I'll probably turn it all in as I expect to go to school. I got the photographs and they are wonderful. Envy of the platoon. I hope they let us wear our "greens" home because they are really good looking. I'll wear the medal I was awarded. I'm really proud of it, Dad, because I know if it actually comes right down to it, I'll outshoot any Jap. Well, I'll try and write every day.

Love,
Peter






UNITED STATES MARINES

SEPT. 24, 1943 -

Dear Dad and Mother,

We passed our last inspection today and I qualified expert with bayonet this afternoon. I only lacked 6 points for a perfect score. Rush the big suitcase down here as I need it badly. I have a lot of stuff to bring home. I probably be promoted to PFC but don't know as yet. Cut my finger on the bayonet but I didn't expect to come out without a scratch. It is a plenty fierce weapon and they don't fool around down here because the marines do a great deal of fighting with bayonets. Would like some more to eat. Don't get much down here. Haven't written many letters this past week but I haven't had time. Been busy getting uniforms and our last shots. I have got a little hair now. I'm going to let it grow till it hangs to my knees. I've been bald for 7 weeks so don't ever ask me again to wash down and get a haircut. Did John get me that hat cover. If not, please get it for me. It goes on this type  and should go over a size 6 $\frac{7}{8}$ hat or 7. Whizzer White is an M.P. I'm glad that I'm down here because I've set up a future for myself for the duration of the war.

Love,
Duke

TO PATRONS
OF THE
WALDORF-ASTORIA:

To prevent avoidable inconvenience
and disappointment if possible,
we take this means of bringing
to your attention that from Friday,
October 1 through the following week,
all rooms of The Waldorf-Astoria
have been reserved.

*We greatly regret that owing to conditions
beyond our control, we consider it necessary to make
this statement to our valued patrons.*

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the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

WANT A REPLY?

"Answer by WESTERN UNION"
or similar phrases may be
included without charge.

September 27, 1943.

V. P. Whitsitt, Manager,
Association Life Insurance Presidents,
165 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Reserve single room good hotel for my arrival Thursday afternoon
so I can attend your meeting. Wire confirmation.

Jay R. Benton
President, Boston Mutual
160 Congress St. Boston

JONATHAN M. STEERE
1316 GIRARD TRUST BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA

September 24, 1943.

The New England Society of Pennsylvania

Mr. Jay R. Benton,
Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Benton:

I am very sorry that you cannot
speak to our Society this fall.

I appreciate your suggestion of
Mr. O'Brien, and shall be very glad to con-
sider him.

Sincerely yours,



—The Misses Kathleen and Jane Feeley of Pequossette rd are spending a two week's vacation at the Belle Isle Farm, Suncook, N. H.

Autumn Comes to N. E. To Stay Till December

Leaves burning, and the whitish-grey smoke smarting in the eyes when the winds shift momentarily. The bright red and purple landscape along the road from Rutland, Vt. to Keene, N. H. The sharp snap from the fireplace coals as another chestnut pops open under the heat. In days gone by, the thud of the cleated boot against the football, and the 22 men racing down the half-frozen turf. In short, the smells and sights and sounds of Autumn, which arrived in Boston and everywhere else yesterday at 6:12 P. M., and will remain in the vicinity until late in December.

Friday, September 24th 1943

Mrs. Ryder on the job this morning, substituting for Kathleen and Jane - for breakfast - orange juice - oatmeal - a fried egg.

A toasted roll. Iced Coffee - to the Square with Frances. Sulway, to the Cope. Building.

Razor Blades for Peter - a Sports magazine to send to Kathleen & Jane - Chesterfields - office - a letter to David, also to Peter with the Razor Blades - Papers to David & Mary - a Book to Karl Hayes. Drafted the foreword for the Exeter Christmas Fund Annual Report. Out to lunch at 12:20 with Grett Lane - to Freda's on Hancock St.

Minestrone Soup with Parmesan cheese - Leal Saute Cacciotiere - String Beans - Iced Coffee - Banana - to Torrielli's - for a large bag filled with - 2 cellophane Bags of Noodles with Spinach, a Bundle of Bread Sticks, a bundle of large Macaroni Tufoli, another of Durum Fusilli, another of Artichoke Macaroni, and a pound of large Macaroni Shells. to Foley's Fish Market for a pound of fresh green shrimp + Back to the office.

red. Mansfield home yesterday
and today with a cold. I did the
ordinary applications - at 3 came
Egan, the Photographer, and took
pictures of the subscription to the
3rd War Loan Bonds of \$3,225,000.00
in the picture. Fred Jennings, Les
Leary & J.R.B. - Work to 4. Then
out on the hustle, to Brecks on
Barnfield St - Bought the first lot
of Narcissus Bulls for the Winter -
to the liquor mart - for King Williams &
Scotch and Malaga. Sulway, Harvard
Square - 2 "Citizens" - Simpson's the
Jeweler's for my silver watch repaired -
to Woolworth's for mailage and a
small address book - to the Brattle
St. Fruit Store for Pears, Peaches, Apples, ^{W. H.}
Egg Plant, Avocado, Tomes, Celery,
Grapes, Summer Squash, Chinese Cabbage,
Is Sage's for a Bottle of Catawba wine -
Met Frances in front of Mrs. August's
Home. Front Porch. Fish Balls -
Eventually Dinner. Fried Shrimp
with Brown gravy. Steamed Rice -
Fried Egg Plant. Chinese Cabbage Salad.

NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT TO THE ALUMNI

THE SONS OF EXETER HAVE NEVER FAILED HER IN THE TIMES OF EMERGENCY!

HOW MAGNIFICENTLY THIS WAS PROVEN ONCE AGAIN WHEN IN THE PAST YEAR MORE ALUMNI CONTRIBUTED TO THE CHRISTMAS FUND THAN EVER BEFORE AND THE TOTAL AMOUNT SUBSCRIBED WAS THE LARGEST SINCE THE FUND WAS STARTED TWENTY-ONE YEARS AGO. UP TO SEPTEMBER 1ST, 23rd HAD CONTRIBUTED A TOTAL OF \$17,687.58. HOW HEARTENING THIS RESPONSE MUST HAVE BEEN TO DR. PERRY AND HIS ASSOCIATES WHO ARE CARRYING ON THE WORK AT THE SCHOOL IN THESE CRUCIAL TIMES OF THE WORST WAR THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN.

FOR ALL THE OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, I DESIRE TO EXPRESS OUR DEEPEST GRATITUDE TO ALL THE DONORS TO THE FUND DURING THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS. IT IS QUITE IMPOSSIBLE TO ADEQUATELY PUT DOWN IN WORDS THE APPRECIATION OF THE WORK OF THE CLASS AGENTS. WITHOUT EXCEPTION ALL HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN SERIOUS AND TIME-TAKING ACTIVITIES CONNECTED WITH WINNING THE WAR, BUT, DESPITE THIS, THEY WORKED EVEN HARDER FOR EXETER THAN THEY HAD IN THE PAST. THE SCHOOL CAN TAKE PRIDE IN WHAT THESE MEN DID AND THEIR RESPONSE TO ITS INCREASING FINANCIAL NEEDS.

THE GREAT GOOD THAT IS DONE BY YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS IS SET FORTH IN
DETAIL IN THE FOLLOWING PAGES. AS USUAL DR. PERRY HAS BEEN ABLE TO TAKE CARE
OF CERTAIN EMERGENCIES AND UNFORESEEN EXPENSES NOT INCLUDED IN THE REGULAR SCHOOL
BUDGET. THE PERMANENT FUND CONTINUES TO GROW. WITH LAST YEAR'S ADDITION OF
\$ _____, IN ITS SEVENTH YEAR IT TOTALS \$ _____.

WITH THE RECORD OF THE PAST TO HEARTEN US, WITH OUR LOVE FOR THE SCHOOL
GROWING STRONGER AND STRONGER, WE ENTER UPON THE FUND FOR THE COMING YEAR WITH
RENEWED CONFIDENCE. SHORTLY DR. PERRY WILL WRITE HIS CHRISTMAS LETTER TO EACH
ALUMNUS, WHETHER HE BE IN THE ARMED SERVICES OR ON THE HOME FRONT, WHETHER HE BE
OVERSEAS OR IN THIS COUNTRY. LET EACH ONE OF US AS WE READ HIS MESSAGE REDEVOTE
OURSELVES TO THE SCHOOL OF OUR YOUTH, TO CONTRIBUTE THAT WHICH WE CAN, AND FOR
THOSE WHO DO THE WORK, TO DO IT WITH THAT UNFLAGGING SPIRIT THAT HAS MADE EXETER
SO GREAT THROUGH SO MANY YEARS. THREATENED WITH THE LOSS OF OUR HERITAGE, LET US
PLEDGE TO IT OUR CONTINUED AND UNWAVERING ALLEGIANCE.

JAY R. BENTON

PRESIDENT

Liederkrantz Cheese & crackers.
Milk - Black Jack Melon Balls.
Upstairs at 7.15 +

Saturday, September 25th 1943

This would have been father's
81st Birthday - I woke up at 6.45 - Read
Back papers and down for the Herald
at 7.30 Frances went to communion at 8.
Mrs. Ryder brought up my breakfast
at 8.30 - Orange juice - oatmeal. Fried
Smelts - toasted roll -iced coffee +
Down stairs at 10. Put Narcissus Bulls
in Two Bowls. Took in the Grey Table
to the sleeping porch and 2 rattan
Lam chairs down cellar - Put in a
few Barrels - fixed the field stones
along the sidewalk. At 10.45 with
Frances - to call on Mother at 11 Oak
Avenue to 11.30 to Cushing Square. Frances
gets Sunday's Roast Beef at the First
National. I looked for films but none
to be had. To Weinstein's for 2 suits
pressed. Home. Lunch. Shrimp & Rice.
Fried Egg Plant. Salad - Toast - Milk -
Fruit - Over to Herb. Rogers - he and
I walked down to the Concord Avenue
Field and watched the Belmont to
Watertown, 14, football game -
Bedlam by hundreds of kids -

BOSTON NEWS BUREAU

Saturday, September 25, 1943

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Jay R. Benton, president of the Boston Mutual Life Insurance Co., announced that the finance committee has voted to purchase \$3,225,000.00 of bonds in the government's Third War Loan Drive.

At the September directors' meeting, the report for the first eight months of 1943 showed a combined insurance gain of \$5,561,193, gain from insurance operations of \$287,419, and investment gains of \$36,160.

BOSTON MUTUAL BUYS 3 225 000 DLS WAR BONDS

BOSTON - JAY R BENTON PRESIDENT OF THE
BOSTON MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
ANNOUNCED THAT THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAS VOTED
TO PURCHASE 3 225 000 DLS OF BONDS IN THE
GOVERNMENT-S THIRD WAR LOAN DRIVE

AT THE SEPTEMBER DIRECTORS- MEETING THE
REPORT FOR THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1943
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DLS GAIN FROM INSURANCE OPERATIONS OF
287 419 DLS AND INVESTMENT GAINS OF 36 160 DLS

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The Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company subscribed for \$3,225,000 of bonds in the government's Third War Loan. Entering the subscription are Leo H. Leary, a director; Jay R. Benton, president; Frederick E. Jennings, also a director.

replacements being manufactured. He warned of serious shortages in replacement parts, mechanics, public transit facilities and gasoline.

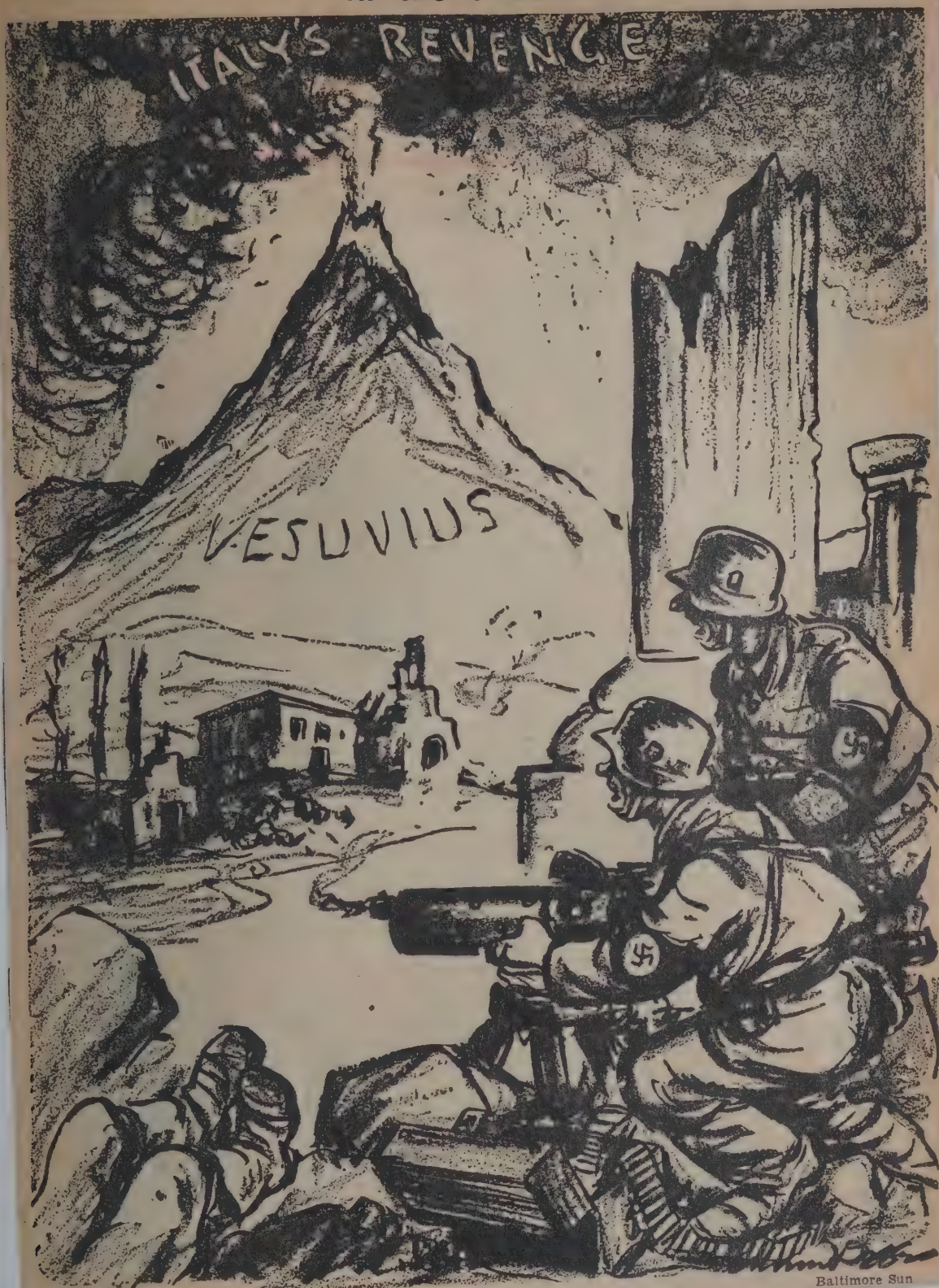
"Persons who are charged with the responsibility of improving worker transportation must be on the alert constantly if they are to keep abreast of their problems and improve worker transportation facilities and conditions," he urged. "This requires constant spot checking of conditions in the field and periodic review of transportation facts."

Mr. Hammond recommended five general types of studies, namely, worker routes, public transit facilities, automobile movement, parking and automobile maintenance. He asked that worker transportation executives devote serious attention to those questions, and take prompt action wherever necessary.

SEPTEMBER MARKS STATE MUTUAL LIFE'S EIGHTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

(2) In accordance with the requirements of the National Labor Relations Act, the following information is being furnished to the National Labor Relations Board:

In the Shadow



Baltimore Sun

Started to walk back, got half way up
Goden St. Hill - when Frances came
along in the car. So Home. Herb came
in - we had scotch highballs
and talked to dinner time. Broiled
Ham. Baked stuffed Potato, new Cabbage
+ Creamed Celery. Mixed Green Salad Hot Rolls
Dr. Perry called up from Exeter this morning ^{melon balls}
about the Trustees meeting in New York
in November. The Waldorf Astoria
telegraphed that they are filled to
Capacity this next week-end.

Sunday, September 26th 1943 X

Woke up full of pep and 5 and started to read Back papers - Heard the "Sunday Herald" land on the front porch at 5.15 - So down for it and reading to 8.30, when Frances brought up my breakfast - Orange juice - Corn Flakes. 3 Fish Balls - Scrambled eggs - Catsup - A hot Roll - Iced Coffee - read the other Sunday papers. At 9.30 did a lot of Festivity + Up at 10.30 - Judy and Robin came over to see me after church and I took them up to Cushing Square - Watson's and Bought them ice cream cones - also got the New York "Times" and "Herald Tribune" to Mother's on Oak Avenue and called on her for a half hour - Back home. at 12.30 Frances, John, and I went over to the Rogers and chit - chat to 1.45 Back home for dinner. A fine Roast Beef. Roast Potato - Gravy. New Spinach - Des Moines Squash - Mixed Green Salad. Hot Cheese Croquettes - St. Johns - Burg Crackers. Fruit Compote. John went down to Swampscott. I Rested all afternoon X - Hot tub bath at 7. Snack supper - Cold Roast Beef - Salad. Toast. Milk. Sliced Peaches.

SENT TO MARY, DAVID, PETER, AND NICHOLAS

THREE PRUDENCTON ROAD
BELMONT, MASSACHUSETTS
SUNDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 26, 1943

DEAR

SO FAR AS I AM CONCERNED, TIME CERTAINLY FLIES AND NOW IT IS ALMOST TIME TO TURN OFF THE LIGHT, REST THE HEAD LIGHTLY ON THE COOL PILLOW, STRETCH OUT BOTH LEGS TO THE FOOT OF THE BED, WIGGLE ALL TOES GENTLY, AND SLIP OFF INTO DREAMLAND AND A LONG NIGHT'S SLEEP, CLOSING A SOMEWHAT BUSY BUT NOT A WEEK PARTICULARLY STUDDED WITH ANYTHING EXCITING. MY LAST LONG LETTER TOOK YOU THROUGH LAST SUNDAY -- AND MY NOTES SINCE THEN MAY HAVE RELATED SOME OF THE FOLLOWING BUT YOU WILL NOT MIND THE REPETITION.

ON MONDAY, THE BIG NEWS OF COURSE WAS THAT DAVID HAD REACHED A NEW TRAINING SPOT AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA. AFTER LUNCH AT STEUBEN'S IN THE COLONIAL BUILDING -- HALIBUT STEAK -- TO THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR AN HOUR'S CONFERENCE WITH SECRETARY LIMING AND E. J. FROST, PRESIDENT OF FILENE'S, ON THE NEW PROPOSED RETAIL TRADE BOARD BY-LAWS. AT 3:30 WE HAD A MASS MEETING OF ALL THE BOSTON MUTUAL HOME OFFICE EMPLOYEES ABOUT GETTING VOLUNTEERS IN THE THIRD WAR LOAN DRIVE. PAT AND LOUISE CAME UP TO DINNER.

TUESDAY, THE 21ST, WAS THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HURRICANE. WHAT A NIGHT OF EXCITEMENT THAT WAS -- REMEMBER? TODAY JOHN STARTED BACK ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE ARMY, BEING ORDERED TO REPORT TO THE FIRST SERVICE COMMAND. TO THE KNOCKERS CLUB WITH VERY GOOD ATTENDANCE AND MUCH POLITICAL TALK ALONG WITH CREAMED FRESH SALMON AND HALIBUT. IN THE EVENING WENT OVER TO BINTON LODGE TO ATTEND THE MEETING AS THIS WAS THE LAST WITH JOSIAH AS ITS HEAD.

WEDNESDAY, THE 22ND -- DID NOT SLEEP WELL BECAUSE I DRANK A LOT OF BLACK COFFEE AT THE LODGE DINNER. THE KEY TO THE CAR WAS LOST THIS MORNING SO IN TOWN ALL THE WAY ON THE CARS. TWO-HOUR CONFERENCE AT PRESIDENT FROST'S OFFICE AT FILENE'S ON THE BY-LAWS. SECRETARY LIMING, MAYNARD, PRESIDENT OF R. H. STARNES,

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NATIONAL FOR SUNDAY AND TO ISENSTEIN'S FOR A COUPLE OF PRESSED SUITS. AFTER LUNCH HERB. ROGERS AND I WALKED DOWN TO THE CONCORD AVENUE FIELD AND WATCHED THE BELMONT-WATERTOWN HIGH FOOTBALL GAME, WHICH THE LATTER WON 14 TO 0, PRINCIPALLY BECAUSE BELMONT LOST ITS TWO BEST PLAYERS THROUGH INJURIES EARLY IN THE GAME -- JOE ELLIOTT, THE CAPTAIN, AND FINNEGAN, THE CENTRE. THE AFTERNOON WAS A MEDLAW BECAUSE OF 1500 YELLING KIDS, PUSHING EACH OTHER, THROWING THINGS, AND DOING EVERYTHING BUT WATCHING THE GAME. DOGS PREDOMINATED AS USUAL -- AT ONE TIME THERE BEING SIX OF ASSORTED SIZES AND BREEDS ON THE BRIDGEMAN. DR. PERRY CALLED UP FROM EXETER ABOUT A PROPOSED TRUSTEES' MEETING AT NEW YORK EARLY IN NOVEMBER.

Mr. Samuel Alcock
20 Cutter Street

SUNDAY, THE 26TH -- A FINE FALL DAY ON THE COOLISH SIDE. THE SUNDAY PAPERS ARRIVED VERY EARLY, THE "HERALD" AT 5:15. SCRUMPTIOUS FISH BALLS FOR BREAKFAST. JUDY AND ROBIN CAME OVER TO SEE ME AFTER CHURCH AND I TOOK THEM UP TO BATSON'S FOR ICE CREAM CONES -- AFTER WHICH I CALLED ON MY MOTHER FOR A HALF HOUR. AT NOON YOUR MOTHER, JOHN, AND I WENT OVER TO THE ROGERS FOR THE USUAL CHIT CHAT OR TOWNSEND ROAD RADIMAGN, ALL SEATED AROUND THE POT-BELLIED STOVE WHICH HERB. HAS REINSTALLED IN HIS LIVING ROOM FOR THE WINTER SEASON. BACK HOME AT 2 FOR THE ROAST BEEF DINNER. LAZED AROUND ALL AFTERNOON -- A HOT TUB BATH -- CLEAN PYJAMAS -- ASSUMED HORIZONTAL POSITION ON "BEAUTYREST", TOOK FOUNTAIN PEN IN HAND, CONCENTRATED, WRINKLED FOREHEAD, AND PRODUCED THIS LETTER WHICH DOES NOT PRETEND TO BE OF ANY LITERARY MERIT, BUT IS SOLELY AN ATTEMPT TO TELL YOU ALL THAT HAS BEEN GOING ON AT THREE PRUOSSETTE ROAD AND ELSEWHERE HEREBABOUTS THE PAST SEVEN DAYS. EXCEPT FOR SPORADIC NOTES, SO LONG UNTIL NEXT WEEK. AND NOW TO REACH UP OVER MY HEAD, A PULL OF THE LIGHT CORD, DARKNESS, A QUIET BED-ROOM AND PLEASANT DREAMS.

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September 27, 1943

Mr. Samuel Alcock
20 Cutter Street
Belmont, 78, Mass.

Dear Sam:

When you come up to put the storm windows on the sun room, there is another job that needs to be attended to. The bottom sash on one of the windows in John's room has rotted off, and a new one needs to be put on.

Yours very truly,

Jay P. Newton

JRE:BCC



UNITED STATES ARMY AIR FORCES
SANTA ANA ARMY AIR BASE
SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA

Sun. Sept. 26, '43.

Dear Mom and Dad —

It has been quite cool and comfortable here the past three days. It rained Friday — for the second time in three years — is say the natives.

Everything is going well and I have a 100% average for the first week of ground school. Your letters, and a big batch from Jeanne, have boosted my spirits tremendously. Just five weeks to go now and then, my first pair of wings. I guess I told you that there is a very slight chance that I may get ten days off after graduation. Don't count on it one bit tho' — I am not.

During this next week, most of

our time will be spent on this golf
field - stripping the cal. 50 with, I
think, a little short shooting on the
side. The best thing about this course
is that it promises to become more
interesting and exciting as the
weeks go by.

By the way, Dad, your letter, mailed
Friday, arrived yesterday afternoon -
isn't that amazing service?! How
long is it taking my letters to reach
you?

I bet John is glad to be back
on duty again. Is his job with me
it is a S. Command permanent? It
sounds like a nice set-up to
me.

Carl Finckman has been ill with
pneumonia at Camp Crowder but
is O.K. now.

and that's the news.

Love to all,
Dave

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THE ALUMNI OFFICE
EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

September 27, 1943

Dear Mr. Benton:

Thank you very much for
your prompt answer to my request. You
have done a wonderful job in writing
the preface and I shall do what I can
to get the report out on time.

Sincerely,

Gertrude Starks
Secretary to the Alumni

Jay R. Benton, Esquire
160 Congress Street
Boston, Massachusetts

GES:S

JAMES A. BAILEY
COUNSELLOR AT LAW
412-418 BARRISTERS HALL
BOSTON MASS.

September 27, 1943.

Hon. Jay R. Benton,
160 Congress Street,
Boston, Mass.

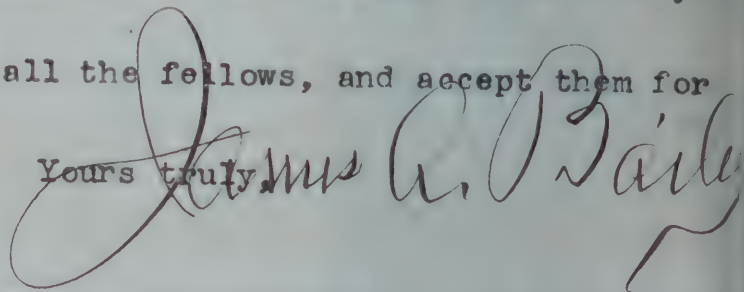
Dear Jay:

I have received your several notices about the meetings of the old boys at the Parker House.

I am sincerely sorry that I was not present last week, and cannot be with you tomorrow. I have been placed on an important Committee of the Directors of the Harvard Trust Company, and this Committee usually meets on Tuesdays at one o'clock. I feel that ought to attend these meetings, but hope some day to be with you at the Parker House.

Give my regards to all the fellows, and accept them for yourself.

Yours truly,

A large, elegant handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "James A. Bailey". The signature is written over the typed words "Yours truly," and extends across the right side of the page.

GCA

Monday -
Sept. 27, 1943

Dear Mom & Dad -

Sorry to have to use this paper - but it proves what a large correspondence will do -

I would like to come home next weekend Oct 2, 3. In fact have made few plans already - Any Fox and Hunt parties going on then or anything? - So don't forget to write the dear.

Have you seen any shows? Heaven knows there are plenty of them! Would you please get me a ticket to "The Skin of Our Teeth" - I'll pay you for it when I get home - a \$1.65 one would be good enough. Unless you have made plans already it would be grand to go to the theatre with you for next Sat. afternoon. Mother - you like stage plays - so why don't you and Dad come. It was a big hit in New York - Whether you come or not (I hope so) you had better send my ticket to Exeter - because the train does not get in till

Oct. 20. Sat. afternoon.

One of my best new friends up here is the grandson of William Randolph Hearst. He's a swell kid - in my class at school. Knows Sh Temple very well - says she's a swell kid and he tells me some of the dirty jokes that sister gets from Shirley (they Shirley and his sister to the same school -). I've got Shirley's home address now.

You know, the food has been much - much better this year (Trustees raised it) - today we had chicken parties - mashed sweet potatoe - broccoli - tomatoes - chocolate ice cream and thickly frosted cake - not I say. And of course that includes milk - bread and rolls etc.

Mr. Kanaly is coaching track this fall - a sport never had here in fall before - and out for cross country.

That's all the news from the

Love, Nick -

P.S. Will Peter or John be home Oct 2?

September 27, 1943

MJB

Dear Mother & Daddy,

We had just a wonderful time in Santa Barbara. We were there for nearly three days, but it seemed like three minutes. I have already mailed an envelope with menus, etc. home.

There was a grand swimming pool at the Miramar, and we all had "casitas" facing it.

Then - behind the hotel was the Pacific & a beautiful private bathing beach.

We spent all day by the pool or at the beach, leaving only to visit various good eating places. Some of the places wouldn't give me menus, but I sent all I could get.

One of the hotel guests while we were there was "Johnny" of Philip Morris fame. He surely was a right- bdy as an 8-yr. old and smoking cigars.

The weather was ideal - in fact the Southland was having a heat-wave. When we left Santa Maria Tuesday morning we almost melted and later found out it was the hottest day in S. M. history! But the heat made perfect beach

MJB

weather, which was what we wanted.

God Mortensen had a birthday while we were there, so we celebrated it. Surely was lucky for him to have a birthday then, because while we were there, they had only to report for reveille each morning. The rest of the time was theirs to do as they pleased.

Say, John surely got a wonderful break. The S.C.U. at 808 is what everyone dreams about getting. Tell him to write, will you? I haven't heard from him in some months.

David, Pete & Dick are busy letter writers. Pete, especially. He keeps me busy answering all his letters.

Jim's nation's book 3 has finally arrived so we can eat again.

It was sort of tough going for 2 weeks on 16 pts. a week for 2 of us.

We are both fine - Jim got a bad punburn on his FEET at Santa Barbara!

The Belmont papers & the Democrat arrived in today's mail. I have read them all from cover to cover. That overseas Herald is pretty good, I think.

I am enclosing Billy Whiskey's letter for you all to read.

Much love, Mary

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Sept. 27-

Dear Jay:-

When I got home from work
(1-30 P.M.) Sat. night, Max had left a note
together with your letter. I rushed into the
my room and, low and behold the
chair —, it is now & kind of you all
ed we appreciate it, it will fit into
Hayes' household just fine, would
guess that you drop it and try it
— I just know you'll love it, and
it will fit.

Yours truly, Thank
much.
Hail.

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AVE RESERVED SINGLE ROOM AT WALDORF FOR YOUR ARRIVAL THURSDAY
FTERNOON=

VINCENT P WHITSITT.

Monday, September 27th 1943

This was a beautiful fall day. Up at 6.30 -
the "Herald" - the works - for breakfast - Orange
juice - Cream of wheat - Boiled Egg. Bacon. Fish
Balls. Catsup - Hot Roll. Iced Coffee. To the Square
with France. Giving a lift to Herb. Rogers & Mrs.
Libby. To the Brattle Square Florists for flowers for
the office - Sulway. Office - Work. Letters
& Bundles of papers. To Mary, David, Peter, Nicholas,
Kathleen and Jane. At 12.15 over to Damon Hall's
office for a conference on C. I. O. matters with
him, Bill Nolan, Moody & Lane. over at 1.15 -
to the P. O. to mail a letter to the First National
Bank to make a deposit - to the Cafe Royale
in the Hotel Touraine with Lane for lunch.
Open Lobster Sandwich - Sliced Tomatoes -
Iced Coffee - Banana + to Lord's for Boxes of
Candy to send David & Peter - to Jordan's for
enlargements and smaller prints - to Woodcuttle
for Cakes of Ivory Soap and curtain pulls.
Back to the office - Fred Waterman of Fall River
and Howard of the Boston Safe in Business.
Left at 4. to the Consolidated Ticket office
for tickets back from New York - but
too big a crowd. To the Liquor Mart for
more additions to the "Cellar" Hoch and

Claret - also a small bottle of
McCullum's Scotch + Sulray -
To Woodworth's for more curtain pulls
but no luck - To Sage's for a loaf of
French Bread and hard rolls -
Met Frances in front of Mrs. August's -
Home - Front Porch - Scotch Highballs -
Listed the contents of the "Cellar" to date -
Dinner at 6.40. Cold Roast Beef -
Mashed Potato - Summer Squash -
Avocado Salad. French Bread -
Cheese Croquettes + St. John'sbury
Crackers - Milk - Cantaloupe Balls -
Upstairs at 7.10. +

C/o Mrs Frank Belle Isle
Broadway Suncook N. H.
Tuesday

SEPT. 28, 1943

Dear Mrs Benton

your nice letter received

so glad to hear from you.

we are fine having a grand time

the Country is lovely to Day

is very warm.

we are in Concord for the Day

I am writing from there.

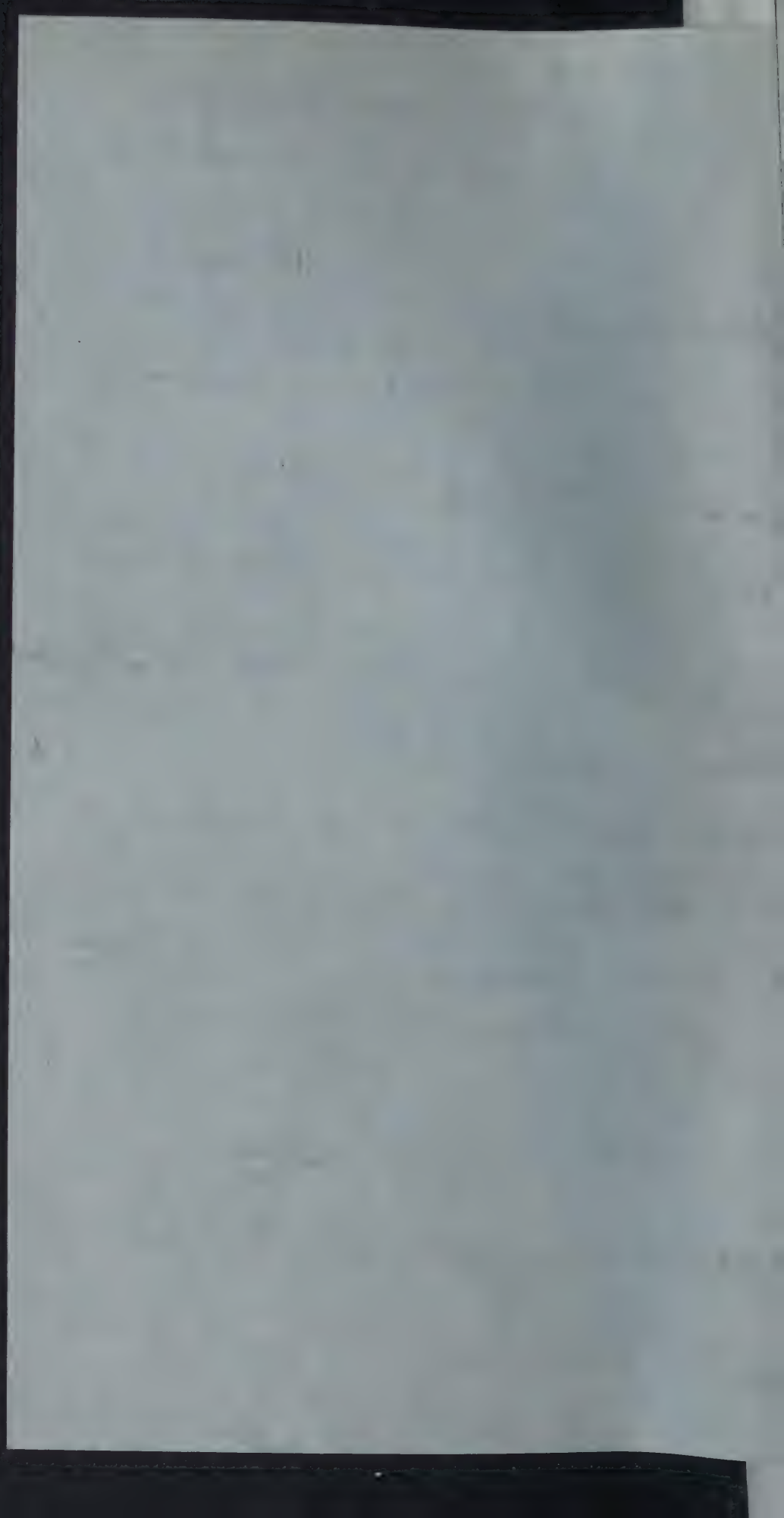
we just had lunch in the

Eagle Hotel a lovely lunch

it was Lamb chops

Vegetables Hot Rolls and

all the rest.



as i am writeing this letter Jane
is reading the Boston Paper
getting the sport nuce.

Pucook is a very small town
as stores go there is almost
nothing in it so there is no
chance of lls bringing anything
back to Boston.

i am so glad John likes his
work i hope he will be very
Happy at it.

our Vacation is going by very fast
not long untill we are seeing
you again.

Hope you are all
very well.

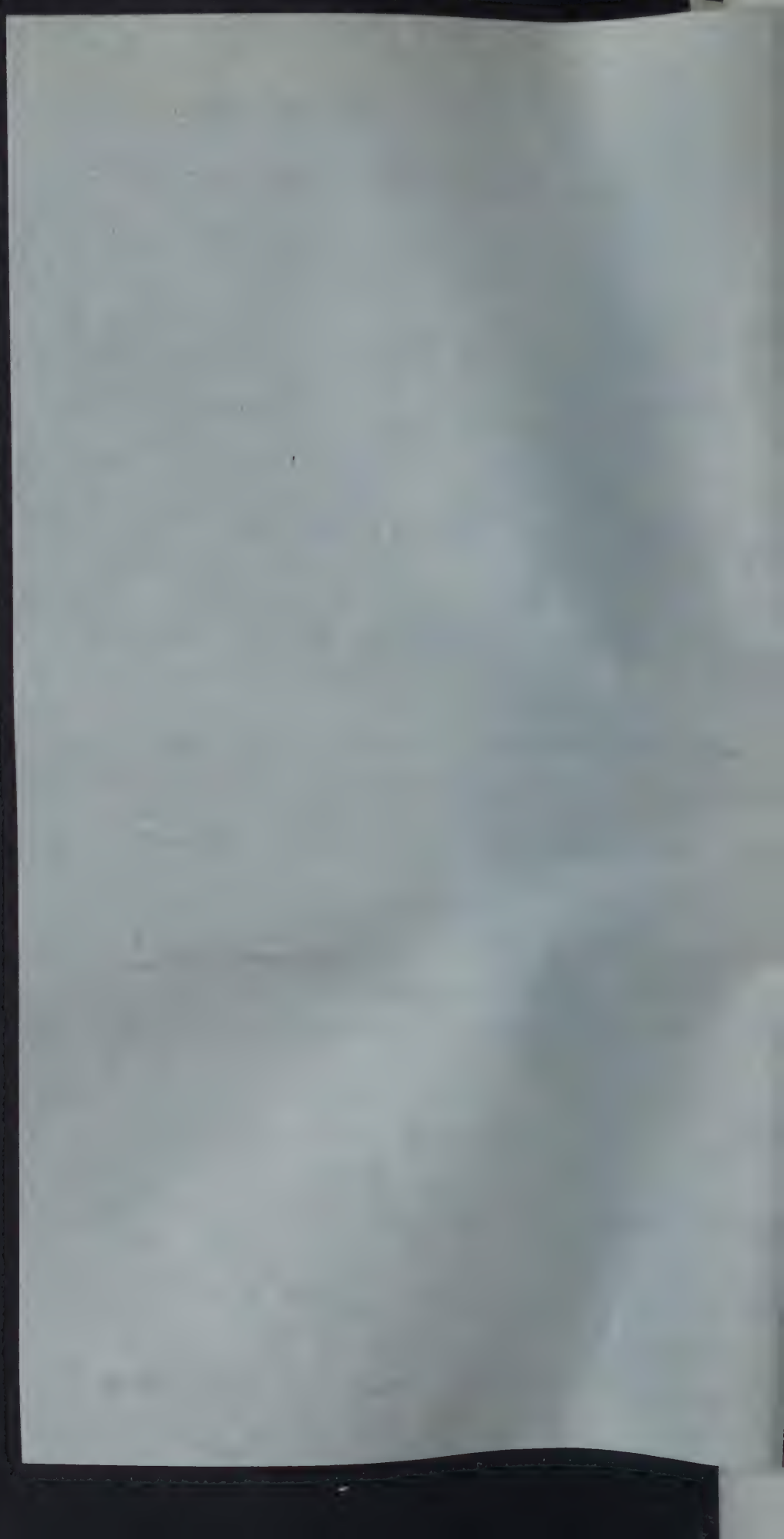
with best regards
from Kathleen & Jane

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c/o Mrs Frank Bellisle
Broadway Second H H.
28/9/13

Dear Mr Benton

thank you very much for
the sport base and the
Benton special. we are
having a grand time up here
& am writing you this letter
in the Library in Concord.
it is very nice where we are
staying the are a lovely old
American family.
you must know just where
it is we are right across



the street from Pembroke Park
what a time we had last
night we had a black out
what fun to see a black out
in the Country

well now we must see some
more of Concord before we
leave it for good.

Hope everybody is fine

again thank you for the papers.

Sincerely yours
Patricia & Jane

1870

My dear Mother
I have just received your letter of the 10th
and am very glad to hear from you.
I am well and hope these few lines will find you the same.

I have not much news to write at present.
I am still in the same place and doing the same work.
I have not much time to spare for writing.
I have not much news to write at present.

I am, dear Mother, very truly,
Your affectionate son,
John Smith

1870

Tuesday, September 28, 1943

The regular morning routine - Breakfast at 8.30 - Orange juice - Shredded Wheat - Fried eggs + Bacon - Hard Roll - Iced Coffee. To the Square with Frances. Waited for Leopold Moss to open but they had no covers for Marines' Cars. Subway to 125 Summer St. where I got one. Office. Work - "Doc" Loring came over and we worked on some of the propositions in the Boston Retail Trade Board. Then called Hubbard of T. D. Whiteys. Miss Fox came up to talk about one of her girls - and Mansfield about Spencer. Out at 12.30 and to the Knockers Club. Good attendance, Geo. Barnes, Joe Cotton, Eben Drafer, Rutherford Smith, Bayard Tuckerman, Tom White, Gerald Henderson, Charlie Barnes - Had Broiled Salmon, Iced Coffee, and Banana. Back to the office after a shine - Real Estate Committee Meeting. Work. Left at 4.15. The Colored Movies arrived back at Iver Johnson's - Subway. Met Frances in front of Mrs. August's - Was. Packet with her. Home. Front Porch Scotch Highballs. Ran off the new movies - Dinner. Butterfish, gave John's Theatre tickets to the heavy's upstairs at 8. John no home went to a show -

WEATHER WAS REALLY WARM

Maximum Temperature of
84.5 Degrees Yesterday

Mid-summer weather was experienced locally yesterday with a maximum temperature reading of 84.5 at the Concord weather station, where the mercury rose 45.5 degrees from an early morning minimum of 39. The unseasonably warm weather was marked by an unusually low humidity of but 16 per cent during the afternoon.

Wednesday, September 29th 1943

This was a real nice fall day + The "Herald" arrived late - then the works - for breakfast - Orange juice - wheat germ - Broiled Schnod - Hard Roll - Iced Coffee -

to the Square with Frances Sulway - To BB, Bates, & Jerxa and Boxes of Candy to send to David and Peter - office - Work - Out at 11 and To Tentino's for a haircut and shampoo - Back to the office and making out checks to pay the interest on the mortgage - also the State income tax - also the Garage Rent - Wrote letters to David, Peter, Mary & Nicholas - To the pick - his weekly allowance and a theatre ticket he requested - Out To lunch at 12.30 with Lane - To the Hotel Arroyo - Minestone - Beef Steak Pie - Shmuck - Iced Coffee - Banana + To Jordans to get the prints of the Hayride to send to the children + to have an enlargement made for Mrs. D. M. White of Lancaster - To Collins & Fairbanks (Hyde) to buy a dark gray felt hat - To Reynold's first and then Brine's to buy a half dozen golf Balls - Back to



UNITED STATES ARMY AIR FORCE
SANTA ANA ARMY AIR BASE
SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA

Sept. 29, '43.

Dear Mom and Dad,

Everything is going along about the same. We had some cool weather over the weekend but its back up in the 100's again now. Can't say that I like this place any more than I did but I am getting a little better accustomed to the heat and dirt.

The time seems to be passing much more slowly than in Santa Ana. They keep us pretty busy but the classes are all so dull that it makes for a pretty humdrum life.

Yesterday, we spent two hours shooting steel out on the range. It was good fun and a welcome relief to the regular routine.

I broke 9 out of 25 clay pigeons - not
as fast - but ~~amazing~~. I hit Pete who
all stepped up over his shooting medals.
I rate a couple for the night in
Atlantic City and the pistol in Santa Ana
but haven't bought them yet. Don't know
how long to be getting home after his
first training. It begins to look now
as tho' I won't be able to get
back east for many months to come.

Just four months ago yesterday
Deanne and I became engaged. And
just about five months ago we were
all together in Belmont. I guess it's
really not a very long time but
it seems like years to me. Just
hope that Deanne and I can arrange
a reunion when I move on - try, that
will be something!

Love to all,
Dave

September 29, 1943

Dean E. S. W. Kerr
Phillips Exeter Academy
Exeter, New Hampshire

Dear Dean Kerr:

Nicholas may come home this week-end,
if it meets with your approval.

I hope all is going well with you this
fall.

Sincerely yours,

Jay R. Benton

JRB:ECC

Northernberland N.H.

Sept. 29, 1942.

Dear Frances & Jay:-

Thanks a million
for the beautiful chair
which was delivered
to me Saturday, in perfect
condition. I love it,
we all do. I thought
there was a mistake
and told the truck driver
I hadn't ordered anything.
He said "I guess if you
just sign, you'll find
it's yours. It's lovely."

I wish you could only know
what it means to me and to all
of us, to have you with us for
a few weeks. It's like to be selfish
enough to have you all the time.

It was terribly lonesome after you
went, seemed as if everything
stopped.

I got out of the P.O. the
following Saturday and almost
right away ~~early~~ broke my lot

I wish you could only know what it means to me and to all of us, to have you with us for a few weeks. I'd like to be selfish enough to have you all the time. It was terribly lonesome after you went, seemed as if everything stopped.

I got out of the P.O. the following Saturday and almost right away ~~early~~ broke my 1st finger on my right hand. Caught it in the door. It's much better but I didn't write to the kids and they were worried pink.

It was great to get your sweet letter. So glad John can be so near. Hope he never has to go farther.

Kathleen & Jane took some good cool weather for their vacation. It's been very cool here - one frost

and everything looks like we'll need plenty warmth soon. Have had a coal fire for 10 days.

Mae was in a few minutes last nite. They are fine.

Helen Hubbard, (Willard's daughter) was married this afternoon at the Crawford Homestead. She was a chum of Dot's & Isabelle's. Isabelle came up from Boston to St. J. & Harley met her at Focklock and she went back on the

Mountaineer tonite. Glenn
& Steve took Dot back to
Burlington tonite also.

Landry was going to move
everything across the street
as you noticed, but guess
he's decided he'll hold on
to the stand. He's not crazy
about the P.O. Neither is
any one else.

Henry Archer is in Lisbon
working for Hall & McCarten -
I miss him.

Steve had a lot of meat
yesterday - grand steak &
plenty of it. How you

coming on the butler question.

Best gets a great laugh out of the bath situation.

Well I wish you could run across the bridge tonite.

No one I'd rather talk to.

If I get to Providence in Oct. I'll certainly see you somewhere - ^{even} if only for a few hours.

Take it easy - Please excuse this half sheet - if it had been like the other papers I used, there would have been plenty.

Heap big love to all
Gladys.

Brookline
Mass. N.H.

Wednesday
SEPT. 29, 1943

Dear Mr. Benton

Thank you so
much for the
Belmont Papers and the
sport we have
a grand time reading
them. Looking out

the office - Moody & Lane had left
for the initial conference with the
C. I. O. This the third year of this -
work so 4, 15 - then the Subway. Met
Frances in front of Mrs. August's -
so home. The little living Room.
Scotch highballs - John came about
6.15 - to Mc Hugh's - Back - Ran off
the Guild hall colored movies -
Dinner +

Upstairs at 8.15 + Another episode.

Thursday, September 30th 1943

Hand packing. dropped egg on
Can beef hash - to see square with
Frances. Subway to South Station -
Fougere Royale at Higgett's - Everett
Lane brought down the mail at
9.45 - Took the Ten o'clock train
to New York. A pleasant ride
over. Lunch when we reached New
London - Consomme - Lamb Chops -
String Beans. French Bread - Melon -
iced Coffee. Scotch Highball. Grand
Central at 3. Walked up to the Waldorf-
Astoria. Checked in - Room 1645 -

Walked up - then walked over to
Fifth Avenue - Window shopping -
covered a lot of territory - Bought
a necktie and a pair of suspenders
at John David - Back to the Hotel -
Rested - out at 7. Took a taxi to
Jack Dempsey's - But the place was
packed. Walked down Broadway -
sprinkling - to the Hotel Astor -
to the Ref. for dinner. Cherry stone
Clams - Broiled live lobster - Almond
potatoes, string Beans - iced Coffee



OFF AGAIN
SEPT. 30, '43

Autumn Chrysanthemum Display at Rockefeller Center



Herald Tribune—Kavallines

Several varieties of this hardy, fall-flowering perennial bordering the pools and fountains in the channel between the British Empire Building and La Maison Francaise



Mr. Benton

Gliding onto the runway at

THE PARKER HOUSE

(Hawthorne Room)

Thursday, September 30, 1943

12:20 o'clock

Report Meeting

of

ALL DIVISIONS

of

THE SALVATION ARMY

Greater Boston Annual Appeal

Please mail reservation promptly so we can plan for your safe landing.

John E. Wilson
John E. Wilson
General Chairman

Cocktails

Champagne	1.00
Alexander .....	.75
Alexander No. 2 (Brandy).....	.85
Bacardi .....	.65
Bronx .....	.60
Carioca Cocktail .....	.60
Daiquiri .....	.60
Dubonnet .....	.65
Jack Rose .....	.65
Manhattan .....	.55
Martini .....	.55
Old Fashioned .....	.60
Orange Blossom .....	.55
Rob Roy .....	.60
Side Car .....	.75
Stinger .....	.75

Suggestions

Golden Martini .....	.60
Sloe Gin Fix .....	.65
Riesling and Soda.....	.65
Cuba Libre .....	.75
Mint Julep	1.00
Planter's Punch .....	.85
Carioca Zombie	1.50
Singapore Gin Sling.....	.85

Miscellaneous

B and B .....	.95
Brandy and Soda.....	.95
Egg Nogg, Whiskey.....	.80
Mint Frappé, Green or White....	.70
Mint Smash .....	.85
Port (Imported) glass.....	.45
Port Flip .....	.60
Rum and Coco Cola.....	.70
Rum Collins .....	.70
Sherry (Med. Dry) Imp.....glass	.45
Sherry (Dry) Imported.....	.50
Sherry (Sweet) Imported....	.55
Sherry Flip .....	.60
Tom Collins .....	.65
Vermouth-Cassis .....	.70

Whiskeys

RYE

	Drink	Highball
Seagram's 5 Crown .....	.45	.60
Wilson .....	.45	.60
Fleischmann's Preferred .....	.50	.65
Old Overholt .....	.50	.65
Park & Tilford, Private Stock .....	.50	.65
Four Roses .....	.50	.65
Seagram's V.O., 7 years old.....	.60	.75
Old Forester (Bonded Bourbon).....	.60	.75

SCOTCH

	Drink	Highball
King William .....	.55	.70
White Horse .....	.60	.75
Grant's Liqueur .....	.60	.75
Peter Dawson .....	.60	.75
Martin's V.V.O. ....	.60	.75
Vat 69 .....	.60	.75
Cutty Sark .....	.65	.80
Haig & Haig, Pinch Bottle.....	.70	.80
Johnny Walker, Black Label.....	.70	.80

Punches

Brandy Punch .....	.90
Brandy Milk Punch .....	.95
Claret Punch .....	.55
Rum Punch .....	.75
Whiskey Punch .....	.65
Whiskey Milk Punch.....	.75

Sours

Brandy Sour .....	.85
Gin Sour .....	.60
Rum Sour .....	.55
Scotch Sour .....	.75
Whiskey Sour .....	.60
Whiskey Sour (Bonded).....	.70

Fizzes

Gin Fizz .....	.60
Silver Fizz .....	.65
Golden Fizz .....	.65

Rickey's

Gin Rickey .....	.60
Gin (Imported) .....	.70

Beer

	Bottle
Pabst Blue Ribbon .....	.45
Trommer's White Label .....	.45
Rheingold .....	.45
Budweiser .....	.45
Carta Blanca, Mexican.....(Imported).....	.55
Dawe's Black Horse Ale.....	.55
Bass Ale .....	.65
Guinness' Stout .....	.65

91643-500 — ROOF

Alcoholic Beverages will not be sold to minors.

All prices are our ceiling prices, or below. By OPA regulation, our ceilings are based on our highest prices from April 4th to April 10th, 1943. Our menus or price lists for that week are available for your inspection.

H O T E L A S T O R



Astor Reef

From 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Oysters, Clams, Etc.

Cherrystones 50 Little Necks 50 Mignonnet or Cocktail Sauce 10 extra
Blue Points 40

Appetizers

Supreme of Fruit Astor 50
Hors d'Oeuvre Astor 1 10

Tomato Juice 25

Cantaloupe 45

Shrimp Supreme 1 00

Honey Dew Melon 55

Supreme of Lobster 1 65

Orange Juice 30

Stuffed Celery 45

Soups

Green Turtle 60

Strained Petite Marmite with marrow 45

In Cup (hot or cold)

Beef Consommé or Vichyssoise 35

Okra Creole 40

Chicken Consommé 35

Petite Marmite 45

Yellow Pea Soup 40

Tomato in Jelly 35

Marinated Herring 75

Papaya Juice 30

Ripe Olives 40

Supreme of Crabflakes 1 35

TODAY'S SPECIALS

Hors d'Oeuvre Special 60
Celery 35

Clam Juice Cocktail 25

Shrimp Cocktail Ravigotte 70
Olives 25

★★★ OKRA CREOLE MEXICAINE 35

Cream of Potato Darblay 35

Fried Sea Scallops, tartar sauce, cole slaw, Saratoga potatoes . . . 1 90

★★★ SHRIMPS AMERICAINE with rice pilaff . . . 1 80

Broiled Fillet of Sole with scalloped potatoes, new peas . . . 1 70

Fillet of Mackerel Italienne with stuffed tomato and risotto . . . 1 60

Broiled Baby Lobster, allumette potatoes, string beans en branche . . . 2 00

Brochette of Beef Tenderloin with Spanish rice, string beans . . . 2 20

Chicken Sealed in Casserole with vegetables Quebec . . . 1 80

★★★ PHILADELPHIA MIXED GRILL with small baked potato . . . 1 75

Omelette Creole with French fried potatoes, Lima beans . . . 1 50

Braised Sweetbread Richelieu with new peas, boiled potato . . . 1 80

Fresh Vegetable Dinner (Beets, Carrots, Peas, String Beans and mashed potatoes) 1 50

COLD DISHES: Special Chef's Fruit Salad in Bowl or Chef's Salad in Bowl 1 50
Sliced Eggs with asparagus tips Argentineul 1 50



Salmon in Jelly Riviera—or—Fillet of Halibut Parisienne . . . 160
 Seafood Plate: Lobster, Shrimp, Crabmeat, Aspic of Vegetables . . . 210
 Boned Capon (Gallantine) with tomato Surprise . . . 175
 Pâté of Game, potato salad, pickled beets . . . 170
 Assorted Cold Plate: Tongue, Ham, American Cheese, Corned Beef, potato salad 180

Mixed Green Salad 35

★★★ CHOCOLATE CREAM CAKE 30 Macaroon Mousse, butterscotch sauce 30
 Napoleon 25 Pineapple Pie 30
 Green Apple Pie 30 with cheese 35 Fruit Jello 25
 Danish Pastry 30 Small Cakes 30 Baked Apple 25 with cream 30
 Chestnut Cup 40 Bombe Maitaise 40 Jamaica Sherbet 35
 Strawberry, Vanilla, Chocolate or Coffee Ice Cream 35 Mixed 40
 Lime Fruit Ice 25 Sherbets—Raspberry or Orange 30
 Vanilla Meringue 45 Peach Melba 70
 Demi Tasse 20 Coffee with cream (pot) 30 Iced Tea or Coffee 30
 Bread and Butter 15

Poultry, Etc.

Breast of Chicken 180

Vegetables

Broccolis 70 Artichoke 80 Cauliflower 70
 Fresh String Beans 50 Buttered New Beets 45
 Potatoes: French Fried, Sauteed, Lyonnaise, Mashed or Boiled 35

New Green Peas 50
 Creamed Spinach 50
 In Cream Gratiné 45

Salads

Lobster 225 Chicken 225 Combination 50 Cucumber 35 Fresh Fruit 60
 Fresh Vegetable 90 Lettuce 35 Tomato 40 Romaine 40 Heart of Romaine 45
 Pineapple, Lettuce and Cream Cheese 50

Cheese

Gorgonzola, Bel Paese, Port-du-Salut, Liederkranz, Camembert or Bleu 45
 Cheddar, Swiss or American 40 Cream or Cottage 35

Coffee, Tea, Etc.

Orange Pekoe, Oolong or Ceylon Tea 30 Certified Milk, glass 20
 Sanka 35 Buttermilk, glass 15 Homogenized—Vitamin D Milk, glass 20

The above prices are per person except those marked (*)

Bread and Butter 15

COVER CHARGE AFTER 10 P.M. \$1.00—FRIDAYS, SATURDAYS, AND HOLIDAY EVES \$1.25.

HOTEL ASTOR ★ TIMES SQUARE

RICHARD KOLLMAR
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A NEW MUSICAL

"Breezy New Hit!"

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"Early to Bed"

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BOB HOWARD



GEORGE ZORITCH

JANE DEERING

JENI LE GON

JANE KEAN

RALPH BUNKER

Book & Lyrics by George Marion, Jr.

Music by Thomas ("Fats") Waller

Dances Directed by Robert Alton

Costumes by Miles White

Scenery by George Jenkins

Entire musical score orchestrated by Don Walker

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Thursday Evening.
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New Musical Comedy
at the Broadhurst





George Zoritch and Jane Deering

Charlotte Maye and Burt Harger







SHOWGIRLS ELAINE BASSET, PEGGY CORDRAY, LOUISE JARVIS, JOSINE CAGLE AND ELINOR TROY ON "EARLY TO BED" SET

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XETER



Thursday -
SEPT. 30-43-

Dear Dave -

meant to write to you
long ago but didn't have your
address -

I can't believe I'm
in upper - the class you
started in.

I have German for
English - and although he's
tough and undoubtedly can't
get more than a D off him,

to say the least -

I'm out for cross country track -
I'm living in Longdell. - It is
a good town - with some swell kids

One of my good new friends
at Exeter is the grandson of
William Randolph Hearst - lives
in Calif - large estate.

How is your hope for getting
home at Christmas?

Well - I've got some maps to
plot -

your brother -
Nick

I like him and find his dances
great fun—

I have S. Kelly for Amer. History.
Rock - He's really tough - but I'll
take History to Latin any day -

Have you seen "Best Foot
Forward?" I saw it 6 times.
Best musical ever on screen I thought -
each song had something to do
with the movie - except for 2 by
Harry James - "2 o'clock jump" and
"Flight of Bumble Bee."

This year each boy has to
take turns waiting on tables -
every sixth day - It is fun



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Sept. 30th, 1943

Mr. Jay R. Benton
160 Congress Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Benton:

Thank you for your letter,
and we are sorry to advise that we are booked to capacity
and cannot accept your reservation for Monday, Oct. 18th.

Regretting our inability to be
of service, we are

Yours very truly,

HOTEL COMMODORE

F. L. BURKE
OFFICE MANAGER

FLB:ems

Scoti High Falls, Cantaloupe, to the
Broadhurst Theatre on 44th St. to
see the musical "Early to Bed" a
rowdy, slow - over late - went into the
night - raining hard - impossible to get
a taxi - the millinery sold. Walked
back to the hotel. To bed at mid-
night.

